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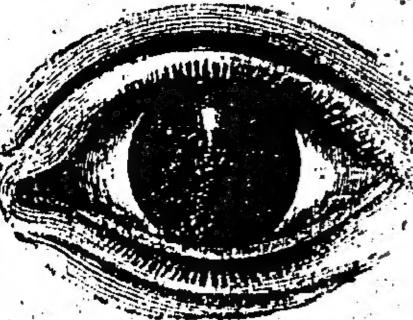
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Who cared for the little maiden, And us all-which a gentle carefolling us tales in the twitight, And hearing the evening prayer.

And a friend we all loved so.

Teaching us games and pastimes, From marbles to flying our kite; Telling us tales of Derry.

And many a border fight.

But the River of Life flows swiftly, And Time in his barque sails on, And three who looked from the window, To the shining hills have gone.

First went the little maiden, Fair in her girlhood's dawn, And the light from the shining mountain On her drooping eyelids shone.

Now, Lizzie's a gray-baired woman And I'm growing old so fast-But I often think of that window, And the summer days long, past.

And the scent of the old-time garden, Where syringas and lilacs grow, With roses aflame and likes of white, And modest violets blue-

Comes to me through the distance, And it seems as though I heard Birds singing in the lilacs, By the summer zephyre stirred.

And the dear old gray-haired woman. Who ruled in the nursery there, " " Y's 'C'er her boys with their youthful spirits, And the little maiden fair-

As she sits mid Life's gathering twilight, Half smiles-half sobs-I know, When she thinks of the Nursery, window And the summers long ago,

-Theodore Storm in Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

THE CASE OF PRINCE MIN

YUNG IK.

The N. C. D. News of 11th inst. reports :-An extraordinary case, in which the protagonists are Prince Min Yung-ik and a Korean Colonel has been the subject of proceedings at the Japanese Consulate lately. Prince Min left his native land about twenty years ago, and haslived in Shanghai for the past thirteen years, We are informed that early last year Colonel. Hyen Hung-taik arrived in Shanghai with art Imperial letter authorizing him to confer with the Prince regarding a quantity of ginseng said to have been delivered to him some seventeen, years ago. This ginseng, according to the Prince's declaration, was a present made to him by the Empress of Korea. Whether the Colonel was satisfied or not with the explanation given, the matter was allowed to drop until the second BRAND; HARTMANN'; GREY PAINT, day of the tweltth moon (January 15), when the Prince received a summons to attend at the Japanese Consulate. The claim filed against him was for about Tls. 50,000. The Prince did. not appear in Court, and in his absence judgment was given against him. Then at the suggestion of his friends he sought legal advice, and M. D'Auxion, who took up the case, lodged an appeal against the Japanese Consul's decision, which has not yet been heard. n the meantime, on the eight of the twellth moon (January 21) execution was levied on Prince Min's property at his house in Peking Road, and all his furniture, personal effects and clething were seized by order of the Consulate. Prince Min has since received a letter dated January 21, from the Minister of the. Household at Seoul, which reads as follows: Communication to His Excellency Min

Department, by Imperial Order: I have to inform you by Imperial Order the the action of Colonel Hyen Mung-tack, who proceeded to your port with an Imperial letter and took legal proceedings against you has, caused much astonishment. This document, was simply a message to you and there was no question of making a claim a just you." More, lover, on the fourth moon of the current year, the above document was recalled by Imperial Order, but this has not been done. O the contrary, the Colonel's action in tryling to prove a case against you with this document constitutes a breach of respect in regard to the Imperial order. I have consequently freceived I perial instructions to inform you

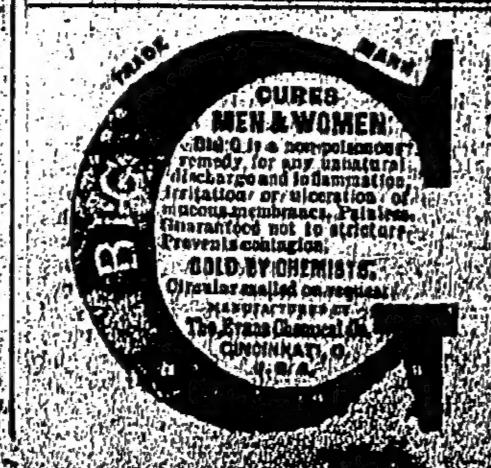
Yung-ik from the Minister of the Household

document in case of trouble. Our representative saw Prince Min yesterday afternoon, and he confirmed these statements, which he said, would be borne out by documentary evidence. He also learnt from his damper that the Municipal Council has protested against the scizure of his goods, which wascarried out without reference to them and without the assistance of their officials.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS will be held at the CITY HALL on TUESDAY, the 19th March, 1907, at, 5.30 P.M. Sir FENRY BERKELEY, K.C., Chairman

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NOTICE TO SHARRHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ORDINARY AN NUAL MEETING or SHARE HOLDERS will be beld at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th March, at 12.15 P/M for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, both days inclusive. EDWARD OSBORNE Honekone, 111b March 1907. [318

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUPAC TURING CO, LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE HOLDERS in the company will be held in the of the General Managers, St. George's Huilding, Victoria, ion SALURDAY, 23rd March, 1907, at xa o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year pading seet December, 1906, declaring a)
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Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

TOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING the HONGKONG, LAND INVESTMENT AND AGALCY CONPANY, LIMITED, will be held at he Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, o MONDAY, the 25th day of March, 1907, at 1 clock in the Forengon, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be proposed;

1. That the following alterations, be made in the Articles of Association viz

(a) That line one and live two of Article No. 53 be eliminated except the last five words at the end of line two and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messr-. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld:, or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Mesers Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong ! be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Rep esentative" in lines 6 and go of Article No. 53 he eliminated and the words " Managing, Director in the East of Messrs. | fard ne, Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong" be inserted instead.

That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business of be inscried between the word "Manager" and the words "or Agent" in the 3rd line of Article No. 59.

(c) That the following new Article to be numbered No. 68A be inserted between Articles 68 and 6):-

68a. "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong shall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold office until the Company in pursuance of Clause 1 of the Memorandum of Association and of these Art cles appoints; some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead."

(d). That line I and line 2 of Article No. 69 be eliminated except the last 6 words al the end of line 2 and the words !! The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong," be inserted insead, and that the words," Senior Representative in line 6 of Article No. 69 be eliminated and the words " Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jarline, Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs, jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong" be inserted

That the worden the? in the 2nd line of Article 75, be eliminated and the word "a" inserted and that the letter " a " at the end of the word "Directors " in the second line of Article No. 7. ba. elimin. ated and that the words " or a Managing Director, be inserted between the word "Directors" and the word "shall" in the second line of Article No. 75.

(f) That at the end of Article No 77 the following words be added : Provided that the Managing Director in the East or the person for the time being in charge of the business in Hongkong of Messis. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., shall, not be disqualified from the office of Managing Director or Director Decause be does not personally hold the necessary shares provided Mesers, Jardine, Matheson & Co, Ld., shall hold the necessary

(g). That the words " or the Corporation ha represents" be inserted between the word "he " and the word " cease " in s.s. 5 of Article: No. 81 and between the word "he " and the word." become " in-line.

of sis, 6 of Article No. 8t (A) That the words, "and (so long as the Managing Director in the East of Messrs, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld , on the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine Ma heson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong shall be a Managing Director of the Company) other than a Managing Director be inserted between the words "Permanent Director" and the word "before" in the 3rd line of Article

2. That the above Resolution making the above cannges in the Company's Articles shall come into force and take effect from and including the 1st day of May, 1907. Should the above Resolutions be passed by

the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 14th day of March, 1947. A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary. CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-NINCH ORDINARY NUAL MEETING OF SHARE HOLD! RS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agenty, on WEONESDA , the 27th March, HILL.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of the Accounts for the year suding 31st December, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Cor will be CLOSED from the tathito arth Marchi both days inclusive,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Honglong, 8th March, 1907. UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF

CANTON, LIMITED.

MOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE abcreby given that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY will be held at its Head Office, No. /2. Queen's Buildings Hogekope, on SATURDAY, the Isla April the Report of the Directors together with the and of declaring dividends, store

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bociety 31st December, took will be CLOSED them stot April to the usike April, both days inclusive is By Order of the Board.

Public Companies.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

TOTICBIs hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Com-Ahy, Limited, will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the asth day of March, 1907, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions will be pro-

That the following alterations be made the Articles of Association, viz; :-

(a) That lines one and two of Amicle No. 55 be eliminated except the words "shall be the" at the end of line two and that the words " The Managing Director in the East of Mesure, Jerdine Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs, Jardine, Matheson & Co, Ld, in Honal ong be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Representative!, in lines, 6 and 9 o Article No. 55 be climinated and the words "Managing Director in the East or/ (4s, the cate may be) the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong be inscreed instead.

(b) That the words "person for the time being in charge of the business col" be inserted between the word "Manager" and the words " or Agent" in line 4 of Article No. 60.

(c) That the following new Article to be numbered No. 69A be inserted between

Articles 69 and 70;-69A. "The Managing Director in the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of Ababusiness of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong skall be and he is hereby appointed a Managing Director of the Company and shall hold office until the Company in pursuance of Clause 1 of the Memorandum of Association, and of these Articles appoint some other person to act as Managing Director in his stead.

That the first line and the second line of Article No. 70 be eliminated except the words "shall be the end of the second line and that the words "The Managing Director in the East of Messis. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of thei business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld. in Hongkong " be inserted instead and that the words "Senior Representative " in line o be eliminated and the words "Managing, Directoring the Restor (as) the cass may be) the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jaidine, Matheson & Co., Ld., in Hongkong be inserted instead.

(a) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "being" and the word "including " in the second line of Article No. 76 and that the words "but not including" between the word" Directors' and the word the "in the second line be eliminated and the word "or "inserted

(1) That at the end of Article No. 78 the following words be added : "Provided that the Managing Director in the East or the parson for the time being in charge of the business in Hongkong of Mesers. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ld., shall not be disqualified from the Office of Managing Director or Director because he does not personally hold the necessary shares provided Mesers Jardine, May theson & Co., Ld., shall hold the neces-

sary shates." (e) That the wo d. "not" be inscried between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Ar icle No. 80 and the words, but pot including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 80 be eliminated and the

word "or" inserted instead. A) That the word "not" be inserted between the word "Director" and the word "including" in the first line of Article No.83 and the words. sayo can provided in s.s. 6" be inserted; between the word "including" and the word "fa" in the first line of Article No. 83 and the words "but not including" at the end of the first line of Article No. 83 be eliminated and the word foo! inserted instead and that the words for the Corporation he represents" be inserted between the word the and the word "become" in the first line of said of Article No. 81.

(i) That the words "including a Managing" in the third line and the words "Director but" in the 4th line of Article No. 84, bg elimina ed and that the words or (so, long as the Managing Director in the East of Messie Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ld, or the person for the time being; in charge of the bit increase of Mesers. Incline, Matheson & Co. Lid . Wie longkong shill be a Managing Director of the Company) a Managing Director of the Company) a Managing "Direct r" and the word "before" in the 4th line of Article No. 84.

hat the above Resolution making the above changes in the Company startioles shall come in a force and take effect from and including he let by of May 1907.

Should the above kesclutions be passed by theorequired majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated 12th day of Mirch, 19:7. By Order HOWBRAY'S: NORTHCOTE,

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LANNUAL MERTING OF SHARR HOLDERS of the above Company will be helden the Offices of the General Auction of Statements of Account 19 3 (at December, 1906) for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of the Accounts for the year and in WITH CLOSED THE BEYER TO BE THE CONTROL

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ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. TOTAL Hongkong, 22nd January, 1907.

Che Honghang Gelegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1907.

SUPREME COURT. AFFAIRS.

As a rule there is little that is of vital importance in the statistical reports which are published annually by the heads of the various public departments, at any rate from the point of view of the average reader, the masses of agures being more calculated to confuse than to enlighted; In the case of the Supreme Court report, however, the paucity of figures as compared with the usual returns for the year makes the task of appreciating the value of the work performed much simpler than generally happens. Moreover, there is considerable significance attached to the Registrar's statement, wis valued at \$2,424,700, on which \$72,741 was not so much from the criminal returns as from paid. The late H. W. Davis left \$301, 107, while the civil section of the report. Complaint has Fullarton Henderson's effect; were valued at been made that the judges of the Supreme | \$23:,700. A large estate whose value was set Court are overworked, that they are unable to down at \$111,000 was left by the late Atwell cope expeditiously with the cases which are Coxon., Included among the estates of well instituted; but, whether that complaint be known persons who were once familiar in Hongjustified or otherwise it is not exactly evident kong circles, or whose relatives have once been that their Honours found the roster beyond connected with Hongkong may be mentioned: Bration of the coolie class. Is the writer their control last year. Naturally, it will be Bruce Shepherd who left an estate valued at admits that the last batch of Indians admitted that the appointment of a third judge \$9,900; Thomas Rowan, \$83,000; Bishop would be extremely desirable in: order that [Hoare, \$47,800; H. M. Bevis, \$133 800] Captain where the Court is at variance in appeal cases | Barnes-Lawrence, \$250; C. F. Focken, \$16,700, a definite result might be secured one way or etc. In many cases the value of the estates diams should class them as other than coolies. the other. But that le beside the question at has been paid into the Treasury there being no the present moment. With regard to cases instituted in Original Jurisdiction, 154 were Jup at a later date. In one instance, an estate which realised \$21,867 lies with the Treasury, 264 were entered; of these 166 were disposed while there are several amounts ranging from of, 40 being settled or withdrawn, while [\$500 to \$3,500 await the heirs. / s will be seen gowere struck out of the cause-book, having from our summary there is a touch of romar ce been standing over generally for more than a leven in this statistical report, which speaks of year, It is impossible to say from that statement what was the actual number of cases heard by the Court during the year, but we know that 162 cases remained at the beginning of this year to be dealt with in one way or another. The total amount involved was \$2,244,795.99; the debts and damages recovered reached the sum of \$747,973.76; and the fees collected and paid into the Treasury amounted to \$10,174.35. No less than 1,794 actions were placed on the Summary Jurisdiction list, but over 900 of these were either withdrawn, settled before trial, or struck out of the list, leaving w halance of 243. Again we are at a loss to know exactly the number of cases dispused of in open Court, but it was certainly us impossiderable proportion. The amount involved was

THE INDIAN IMMIGRANT IN CANADA.

to \$8,320.50. The landlords or their agents were to the fore as usual with 374 distress According to a writer in the Indian Review warrants for rent, representing an aggregate for February the suggestion that there is no sum, of \$41,160 odd, and of that sum \$15,230 room for the Indian in migrant on the Capadian was recovered, while 173 warrants were with Pac fic coast is a base and maliclous fabricas drawn, the parties having arrived at some tion. Five years ago, if the writer himself private settlement. Seven appeals were suban Indian, is to be believed, there was not mitted during the year, four being, against Sikh, Hindoo or Mohammedan in Vancouver, decisions of the Chief Justice, one against but they began to come in small parties until the decision of the Puisne Judge and two now there are some 2,400 . Indians in British from the Magistrates and Land Court res-Columbia alone. The author of the article is pectively. Altogether, five appeal cases were decided, leaving two pending. Wi he states in opening that "the search for newer reference to appeals to the Privy Council, the and richer fields of work attracted their roving decision in the action of Chu Ping v. Chan dispositions to British Columbia, in his Ut Chin and Pun Ken Shan reached the closing sentence he describes his fellow-coun-Colony, the appeal being allowed with costs. trymen as "an essentially home-loving people" Two Privy Council cases remain undecided-Chan Hong Kiu and others, seven witnesses "their caste and religious prejudices offer very, who were committed for perjury, and a bankruptcy case. Four vessels were arrested during countries; that they are clean, honest, hardithe year under piders issued in Admiral y Jurisdiction. Perhaps the most interesting seciniquity of the campaign which has been starttion of the Registrar's terse report is that which ed to influence the Government to keep these comes under the heading of Bankruptcy Juris. citizens of the British Empire out of a country diction, for herein we are able to judge, to that forms the integral part of the Empire can some extent, of the commercial position of the be readily seen." The answer of the people of .Colony 'during 'the year under review: / Vancouver is, naturally, that if the Indians. though 1906 was not exactly what could described as a hilcyon year for trade, it appears that only 43 petitions were filed, 26 being at this subject they carefully refrain from giving the instance of debtors while to were presented the immigrants work of any description, re use by the debtors themselves. As the report to provide them with house accommodation, briefly puts the results : "The number and allow them to starve in the streets. It will receiving orders made was 37, being 23 o be remembered that when the last batch of creditors' petitions and 14 on debtors' peti immigrants reached Vancouver they were retions. The number of public examinations duced to such straits that many succumbed to held was 20. There were 15 adjudications ; no the inclemency of the weather, while others, compositions were approved by the Court were accured of highway robberies, burglaries; There were two discharges," It is curious how and other crimes. Women and children, were debtors invariably regard their affairs-when depicted as trembling with, nlarm when a band i it is the creditors who present the petition of Indians was seen in the distance and the -as in a most flourishing condition. newspapers were filled with instances in which they might be believed, adversity is unknown the "honest, hard-working innocent and inoffento them; the cry of "wolf" is absurd. Alsive people "had been guilty of terrorising the though they claimed that their assets were weaker section, of the community. Mass worth \$600,807 when it came to the realisation meetings were held to protest against the only \$76,207 could be recovered. Of course, indian invasion, and the parliamentary this may have been due to forced sales at an. representatives of the district were requirunfortunate time, but there is certainly a coned to exert every influence at their comsiderable disparity between the debtors' views mand to bar the gates of Canada to the as to the value of their estates and the actuat intruders. Yet in face of this opposition the. amount realised. The liabilities of those who writer in the Indian Review cheerily inspires appeared in bankruptcy were declared at over his brethren with the belief that the movement \$3,880,916. Last year 39 companies were refor their exclusion from Canada is merely a gistered in Hongkong, from which fees amountpassing wave of feeling and practically insites. ing to 18,299 were derived. It is but of the them to come over to Canada and risk the peculiar traits of human nature to delve into consequences. He cites one or two Canadians. the private lives of others and such inquisitivewho are entirely on the side of the Indians, ness accounts for the interest bestowed on the but, we fancy, his authorities are bardly to be " wills and bequests" column of home papers, accepted as conclusively trustworthy. It has an interest which is fostered and pandered been said that the newcomers, fresh from the by the most respectable journals. Those who have this faculty developed to any extent will the severe cold of the North West, but the turn to the division headed "Probates and author is quite confident that such an idea is Administration" in the hope that, their appetite absurd, a popular delusion in fact, for he has may be gratified. In all, probates and letters known these men to "thrive in the colds of of administration to the number of 194 were Manchuria and Siberia." If the Indians who. granted, the aggregate value of the estates being \$5,708,450. 'I'robate duty was paid to the way to Canada had experience of and throve amount of \$164.221, court fees, \$8,789, and official on the verge of the Arctic Circle then all we. alministrator's commission, \$4,180. There were cin say is that appearances are extremely 84 estates vested in or administered by the deceilful. One of the advantages of living in Official Administrator, during the year, repre-Canada is apparently, "that the Indiana" senting a value of \$105,1180:39 estates were don. European dress with the exception wound up, their value being \$.4,683. Among of the turban, which, also, is soon discarded for some of the estates on which large sums were the nest and shapely bowler. No doubt that paid to the Crawn as probate duty was that of would be an indocement for any Oriental, but the late R. R. Belilios, whose Hungkong estate most people would prefer to see the native in his national attire and in his natural sphere. The whole objection of the Canadians is directed against the Indian coolie. Already, Indian students, merchants and travellers have the open sesame to the Dominion, and no objection is offered to their prese ce. But there is a decided and strenuous apposition to the immiconsisted chiefly of possints and firmers who. bad confe Hireel from their nomes and rural farms" it can hardly be argued that the Canae claimants, although of course, these may turn nothing of the Government of Hougkong,

\$976,381 88 and the fees collected amounted

In an explosion which was caused by dropping a lighted cigarette near an oil tank on board the steamship America Marse, yesterday, alteracon, reports the San Francisco Chronicle of 8th ult. G. Shirakura and T. Yoshida, two: about the face and body. Kohsida may die from his injuries. The Japanese were at work, on the ship at the Mail Dock yesterday and had finished the day's task, when the explosion took place. The injured men were taken to the Harbour Hospital, where their wounds were dressed, and were later removed to the Habpeman . Hospital. . The boat did not take fire and there was no damage except that done by the smoke.

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ing these who probably least expect them.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

MR. WPS Bailey has been appointed acting surveyor of boilers of steamships under 65 tons, duting the absence on leave of Mr. E. O. durphy, with offect from the 28th fattant. MESSES! Intdine! Matheson & Ch. vigeneral agenty of the Phingim! and Hong was What Company, inform us that it has blen detided to pay a dividend of Tis, to per shine, place Tis. 100,000 to repairs account, Tis, 75,000 to equalization fund, and carry forward Tis not always consistent in his remarks, for while THE Governor-in-Council has approved the absolute assignment by the Hongkong Pigh Level Tramways Company, Limited (in liduidation), of the whole of their undertaking

and proceeds to say that when it is considered THE steamship Powin, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., will leave scrious bars to their migrating, to the foreign Hongkong as extra boat for Canton from the Queen Street Wharf West, at 9 p.m., on Monworking, innocent and invitinsive people, the page, Mednesdays and Fridiys returning from Canton at 530 pint. Every Tuesday, Thursday

(being Tramway No. 6 described in the said

Ordinance) to the Peak Tramways Company

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. H. Kemp to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court, Registrar of Companies, Official Administrator and Official Trustee, during the absence on leave of Mr Arathoon are such lovers of their native land they should | Seth, I.S.O., or until further notice, with effect stay at home. And to exhibit their views on from 14th instant,

THE heart of New York's hinatown was off cially wiped out at a recent meeting of the Board of Estimates, when a new park was authorised. 'It is upon the block bounded by the Bowery, Doyers, Tell and Mott Streets. Much of the property is owned by Chinesefirms and individuals. The tract in tudes the Chinese, theatre and the Chinese joss house, in which most of the Chinese worship is held. It has loog been considered the most picturesque spot in the city?

Ar the Marine Court, this morning, before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, L. S. Winter charged 1. McAribur, musier of the Chinese steamer Meelos, with disnbeying the lawful commands of the Harbour Master by refusing to shift his vessel when ordered by prosecutor to do so, defendant being moored in an improper place. Defendant admitted that he did refuse to shift when ordered by the sergeant to. do, so, but afterwards he changed his mind and did shift. He produced his logbook in proof of this. He was discharged.

THE big trans-Pacific liners have been singularly unfortunate during the past few months, though the latest disaster to the Dakota appears to be the most serious of all. It seems that the Kores met with a mishap on leaving her-moorings at San Francisco on her-last outward voyage. The local Chronicle states that at one o'clock the Korea cast off her lines at the Pacific Mail dock, but for the next two hours stuck on a mud bank that for several Years past has been one of the drawbacks along that part of the water-front. The Pacific Mail Company has often complains of India are incapable of withstanding plained of this bank, and the State of Callfornia, represented by the Harbour Commission, has made many promises that the obstruction would be removed. It is still there, however, and its presence was particularly evident to those on board the Korea. The combined efforts of three tugs were necessary to dislodge the liner from the mud, Before passed through Hongkong last year on their the finally Rot away from the Mail dock the Korga had mined the dolphin at the end of the swharf, resulted in damage that will cost the Pacific Mail Company several hundred

A CORRESPONDENT writes to express his surprise at 'the difference between the way the pa hways are kept free of clowds from Ice House Street to the Clock Tower, and thence on West. Taking a walk fast evening he noticed that in the first named locality the gaping crowds were ordered to "move on and had to do so, so that pedestrians who had ligitimate business calling them along the roule were unable to walk without being jostled at every step, by some looker, founging aimlessly along, with folded arms, and the knowledge imprinted on his countenance that he had the day before him and th path, was as much his as anyone cise's " .hat is airight and proper," goes on our -correspondent, "but see how the conditions when hearing the Central Market. one stops to look in a shop window to see if the articles there displayed include those one wishes to purchase immediately a number of And when the Government of Canada, to say one's elbow to stare vacantly into the window, thruth they know not whereat they shops have installed small gramophones and; firm an offer, but it was refused. At the intakes the trouble to send out express messages musical boxes, with the object of calling windows; but they do not attract the desiremigrate, it. must surely be obvious that Able class purchasing class they only cause able men without means, and so respectable: 16 there is some fallacy in the arguments pedestrians have to step off the nath into the of the indian writer. They have been Poad to pass them, if they desire to avoid a hustling and jostling from the elbows of the fore them in Canada, that there is no work for lounging saunierers. The a appears to be no Supervision and the growde there are not movedime." avia conclusion, our correspondent, hostile, and that; they will not be tolerated if mentions; that last night he got out of his rickibb to enter a tailors shop, and stopped for thoment to look in at the window before do fittle short of crimingl'to altempt to persuade link so when immediately the deval inquisitive Crowd gathered to gate too: Buddenly he fel a Tur at his watch-chain, a solid gold one, and, luckily, securely fastened, and as be Japanesa deck hands, were seriously burned. Rather it should be said the worst miseries at once made a grab in the direction of the turging hand, he received a blow in the wide of they endured in India were as nothing comthe face that sent him staggering, his assailant. pared with what they will have to face in the disappearing in the crowd which was, no doubt quite willing to protect him. He saved his new country. Fortunately, it is not very prowatch, but he had no remedy against his unkicwa assailant,-The pedestrian treffic along bable that the Indian belot will read the article The route has always appeared to us to be un-

necessarily congested. Perhaps if the cry of

move on," in all possible dialects, were more

Frequently beard it might improve matters, and

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warning the travelling Indiana against the

advice of those who would induce them to

told that nothing but destitution lies be-

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qualter has been leaved to him.

MR. J. Britesia has been appointed Constituto

Belgium at Hongkong, and lis Majesty's Exa-

CANTON DAY BY DAY

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY." From Our Own Cortaspondent.]

Canton, 15th March. In accordance, with the despatch from the Vicercy advising the Canton-Hankow Railway Company to call a meeting for the purpose of discussing the idea of investing surplus capital of the Company in the British syndicate as shares for the construction of the Canton-Kow. loon railway as reported yesterday, the Company has now arranged an extraordinary meeting for the 20th day of this moon to discuss the question.

PROPOSED GOLD CURRENCY. A Peking telegram states that the President of the Tuchipu has decided to mint and issue. gold coins for circulation throughout the Empire and has submitted the question for discussion at the capital.

INSPECTOR OF MINTS ARRIVES. Yesterday H.E. Chan Bik, Inspector C Imperial Mints, arrived here about noon or board the Chinese gunboa! Sum Hove which was despatched to meet him at Hongkong. The Magistrate of Namhoi and the Brigadier General of Kwangchow proceeded to Whampon in the early part of the day to meet the Sum Hong. On arrival at the Tico Tree wharf, H.E. the Viceroy, the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner and the Provincial Judge was there to meet the distinguished official. He is now taking up his temporary residence at Wong Wah Kwan, inside the City.

FAMINE PROSPECTS. The rice produced in the Kwangtung province is far from being sufficient for the inhabitants of this province and rice is required from other places such as Siam, Annam, Wuhu, Kwangsi, etc., at present rice is exceedingly high in price and the outrage in the Tung kun District should be noted as the forerunner of the prospect of famine. Now the native authorities are devising means to prevent the people from being famine-stricken and are preparing to buy a large quantity of rice from various places, with Government funds, and will sell it to the people at the lbwest price in case of famine. By order of the Vicetoy, the Provincial Treasurer has given instructions to the two district Magistrates of Namhoi and Panyu to buy rice in the same way as was done a few years ago and at the same time to request the different charitable institutions to solicit subscriptions towards the fund for pu chasing rice.

WARNING TO COOLIES. Yesterday a placard posted at Sap Pat Po under the heading "To wake up Brethten attracted a large number of passers-by. It was a copy, made out by tome unknown person, of the despatch from Sir Chun Tung Liang Ching, Chinese ambassador at Washington, U.S.A., to 'a certain ministry at l'eking requesting the members to take sleps to stop emigrants from going to Panama to work on the canal. The despuich consists of several hundred characters. SHANGHAI-NINGTO RAILWAY DEBENTURES.

Being in receipt of a despatch from the President of the Shanghai Ningpo Railway Company, H.R. the Viceroy has instructed the efficials o the Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce to issue a proclamation asking the public to buy the debentures issued by the British syndicate for the construction of the Shanghai-Ningpo Railway. The loan was issued at 295 tor. and the debentures are at £100, each. British and Chinese buyers will be treated alike.

HIRE INQUIKY HXPLOTED

TO ELUCIDATE ALLEGED INCONSISTENCIES.

If a rumour which was in circulation in the gity to day is true, and there is sufficient reason to believe that there is some truth in it, an in guingiel'i betheld at an early date into the cie! roumst nees duren unding the outbreak of a fire which destroyed a house in Jewois Streets some days before the Chinese New Year That the police authorities have been a evisent, but certain matters which have ment has been arrived at bit ween the insurance company, and the owner of the building. divulged. The ground floor of the house in question was used by a piece-goods firm; the first : floor ins a store-room; and the upper storeys, as quarters for the employees. The building and goods therein were insured for \$11,000. Soon after the fire the policy-holder sen in a claim for the full amount, and this, itais, reported, too insurance firm refused to meet, holding that from an examination of the I premises, after the fire there was not \$ 1,000 fithy lording coolies will stop tony chamun sq. worth of silk goods in the firm's store-room; in fact, it is alleged, there were no goods there at Lall before the fire. They made the piece-goods. quiry which is expected to take place soon attention to their wares disp'ayed in the expert evidence will be called to give an opinion on this matters are and a s

THE WILATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory: Oh the 16th at 12.16 p. The barometer has fallen in N.E. Japan, and riven elsewhere. The anticyclonic area is central over the continent to the North of the Yangtze, and or saure is low over the Pacific to the N.E. of

"Gradients continue father "steep and strong monicon may be expected in the Pormosa Channel and N. and N.E. gales over the China

Note No. I,-illoughoug at rinds, fresh; dull, wine light rain. 2.-Pormosa Channel, N.E. wind, strorg.

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GEO. FENWICK AND CO., LTD.

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

An annual meeting of shareholders of Messra. Geo. Fenwick and Company, Limited, was beid 11 021 in the Hongkong Hotel, at noon, to-day. Mr. A. Rodger presided. Others present were :-Meisrs. W. Parlane, J. McCorquodale, J. D.

Kinnlard, J. Forbes, J. Irving, H. P. Smith and I. Andrew (manager), and and language in wattles assess The notice convening the meeting was read prompered The Chairman said : - Gentlemen ! With

your permission we will adopt our usual practice and take the report and statement of accounts as read. Your directors regret that the year under review, so far as engineering and shipbuilding are concerned, began with a duliness in trade which continued for eight months; but we are glad to say that notwiths. standing this, we got a fair share of the work offering, profits on which were small owing to the strong competition prevailing. During the latter months of the year, a briskness in bosiness art in, at il we have been kept fully employed in all departments since. I he launchers buildings, plant and machinery have been kept in a good sate of topair, .. Unfortunately the tes sail severe typhoon of September 18th caused ustil 3021 of some inconvenience and monetary, lose, to the extent of \$2,400, at North Point, and \$1.700 at the Wanchai V orks, - in all 54 100. The damage wrought at Wanchai has since been made good; whilst about a third of that at North Polit, which required immediate attention, was repaired at once. The report and statement of accounts now bef-re you nie very clearly detailed, and therefore it is needless for me to fee peat the figures thefein stated. We trust the proposed division of profits, as presented, meets with your approval. I informed you at our Inst general meeting that we had petitioned the Colonial Office for permission to carry on the our business at Wanchai for a further period of three years. This, I am glad to tell you. they have been good enough to grant Our new site at North Point is filled in and the reclamation fluished and wady for building purposes, but the lifeless state of the land and parties property market in the Colony at present, required tards our contemplated removal there. Late in August, we contracted to build two steel stern wheel steamers for the inland waters of Indo-China. At the end of the year the work was well under way. Since then, both have been launched. One is now completed and ready for delivery, and the other should be finished about the middle of next month. An order was also booked to build six large worden. lighters for Hongkong owners. I am sorry to say we have been unable to finish the work of soon as was anticipated, owing to a scarcity of carpenters in the Colony since the typhon, The European staff have worled in harmony and carried out the r respective duties willingly. I am pleased to my we have sisted 1007 under more favourable conditions than lest year and the prospects seem much brighter, to far as children business and laquines Fre concernedity fremis not think there is anything further t che caywhich will interest you, but before moving ?!! adoption of the report and accounts, should any further information be debired t'ahaft bel pleased to give it to the best of my al liky." There were no questions asked. The Chairman moved that the report and

accounts be a opted and passed: Mr. Irving seconded.

Mr. Forbes proposed that Mr. A. Rodger be re-plected to the directorate. Mr. McCorquodale seconded.

Mr. H. Percy Smith was re-elected the Company's auditor for the ensuing year, on the motion of Mr. Kinnsied, seconded by Mr.

The Chairman ; -Thank your for your attendance, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday. This closed the macting.

NEWS was received in Mew Torkings mouth that cits and long time investigating the matter is quite. Lloyde agency has added to the many odd in the surances one on the life, of - larry-Thaw, who been brought to light during the investiga- is being tried for the company of Stanford While an auri tion necessitate the calling of a Court of in New York. Lloyds, seconding to the distant Inquiry. As far as can be learned no settle- patch, agree to pay a count, loss if the prisoner to pay a count, loss if the pay a count, loss if the prisoner to pay a count, loss if the is executed. The emotion under written up pot bearings ार हराहे हैं । असे हैं जिल्हा के लिए हैं है है है है

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Telearams.

[Reuter's.]

The New York Stock Market.

London, 14th March Unprecedented selling has taken place or the New York stock market owing to the Banks calling in loans in view of heavy disbursements, and a panic has been caused.

The Washington Cabinet has decided to postpone the calling in of \$30,000,000 deposited with the Banks in order to relieve the stringency.

The London Market.

The fall in Consols is depressing the city, and fears are expressed that the speculation in New York may cause a crash.

The "Jena" Explosion. The Journal des Débats hints at the possi-

bility of foul play in the leng explosion, The latest official reports of the explosion in the Jena give the number of killed, 118"

The suggestion soft foul playmin abased ton the fact that the accident vecurred in the stern of the ship where the officers cabins were located.

The French Ministry of Marine announces that it is leared the Jeng will be a total loss.

The United States.

Reports from Washington state that the San Francisco schoolboard has notified President Roosevelt of the withdrawal of the order for the segregation of Japanese child-

President Roosevelt, in accordance with this notification, will sign the order for enforcing restrictions on the immigration of Japanese labourers,

The Jamaica Incident.

Sir Edward Grey, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that the landing of Americans in Jamaica, in the presence of such a catastrophe as the earthquake, was naturally-certain to amount to a misunderstanding; but the American Admiral was inspired solely by humanity, and any other construction was unworthy and untrue."

THE SMALL-POX CASE.

A CONVICTION SECURED.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, medical officer of the Victoria Gagland Infectious Diseases Hospitals in Hongkong : refreshed his memory sufficiently to appear in the police court this morning to give evidence in the case in which Sanitary Inspector Kincher, of the Eastern, District Samitary Depot protecuted Lal Wal, a contractor, of No. 33, Queen's Road Central, for failing to reports case of small-p:x, particulars of which were reparted, in last evening's Telegraph:

Dr. Moore, was asked by the Court, "Do you remen ber a man being received on board the bulk Hygela on the 9th instant, from No. 33, Queen's Road?

- "Yes," witness replied. "He was suffering, from small-pox. Was
- "Was the case a bad one
- "Yes. About the ninth day of the disease." "Would you say in your opinion, doctor, that the day before the man was removed to the Hygela anyone seeing him would have

known him to be suffering from small-pox?" "Yes. Four days before it could have been

His Worship at first thought there was conflict of evidence at yesterday's hearing. He pointed out that Overseer Anderson stated in his evidence that he had not visited the building for I writer five days. The defendant, the Court said, admitted that he had been abselit from the works for two or three days. He also admitted that he knew the man was ill, suffering from lever so he said and the Court's contention was that probably accused hald he guilty knowledge. But the medical svidence cast aside any doubts that existed. The symptoms of the disease could have been seen dour days prior to the man's removal to the digget . The contractor, had. been away lok two or three days only, therefore he must have known that his fiki, was suffering from the infectious disease. He would pay a fine of \$100, or go to gao! for three months. The fine was paid.

DBATH OH A.V. AMBRICAN NAVAL OFFICER.

LIEUT. S. W. ODS, OF THE .!! BALTIMORE? BUCCUMUS TO SEPTIC PHEUMONIA.

The U. S. A. second class cruisor Hall more. S. Woods, an officer of the vessel, who died on the voyage between Singapore and Colombo, on Friday, from septic pneumonia, alter an illness of six days. The corpse has been embalmed by the ship's medical officer and is being conveyed to New York for interment by the deceased relatives. The deceased was suifering much pain from a decayed toolh and since an operation, to sender him some relief,

The late. Lieut. Woods passed through Colombo two years ago whan the Balliacore was commissioned for solvice in Monita. This cruiser is now on its homeward journey and will be thoroughly overhauled shortly after reaching New York. All on board had pleasant voyage all along hexcept for a small equal as Singapore was being approached. It

LIMITED.

EXTRAORDINARY MELTING.

At eleven o'clock to day, at the office of Messes. Shewan, Tomes and Company, St. George's Building an extraordinary general meeting of sharebolders in the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, was held, when certain resolutions were passed.

There were present :-- Mr. R. Shewan (chair man), Sir Paul Chater, Hon, Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. W. L. Pattenden, T. F. Hough, R. Hancock, F. E. Ellis and R. Henderson secretary),

The notice convening the meeting was read. Then the Chairman proposed Resolution No. 1 :- That the capital of the Company be increased to \$4,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of \$10 each.

Hon. Mr. Gresson seconded-Resolution No. 2 was then put before the meeting. It read :- That the Articles of Association be altered by striking out the figures "\$1,500," in Clause 5 of Article XII and by substituting therefor the figures "\$1,000" and by striking out the word "lands" in second line of Clause I of Article XVI and by inserting after the said. Clause t new Clauses as follows :-- (ta). The Company in general meeting may in the year 1907 pass a resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$900,000 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credi of the Company's reserve fund and according ly that that sum be distributed as a bonus amongst the shareholders in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and that the general managers be authorised to distribute among the shareholders the 200,000 unissued shares in like proportions. (1b). When such

resolution has been passed the general managers may ellot and issue the 200,000 unissued shares credited as \$450 paid up to the shareholders in satisfaction of the said bonus in proportion to the shares held by them respectively and prior to such allotment the general menagers may authorise any person on behalf of the shareholders to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to

and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement .made under such authority shall, be The Chairman proposed its adoption.

Sir Paul Chater seconded,

them of such shares credited as \$1.50 paid up

Carried. The Chairman-That is all the business, gentlemen. I am much obliged for your attendance.

The resolutions having been passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special reso utions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

A SCHEMB THAT PAILED.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE POST OFFICE:

Two Chinamen, whose names have as yet.

not been obtained, are cooling, their heels in tells at the Central Police Station awaiting certain charges to be framed against them by the Crown Solicitor prior to making their debut before a police magistrate to show cause why, they should not be dealt with summarily, or otherwise, for violating certain postal regulations. The charges that will be made against them will probably be that of fraud, Some time yesterday afternoon, two men called at the Registration Branch of the General l'ost Office and representing themsolves as fokis of the Kung Wo Chong firm, of No. 93, Connaught Road West, called ago," said the clerk;

our le ters to day." house. They had returned home a few minutes taken as an indication of A detective, in company with the informer, oulster the promoting expenses, and was performed, be was confined to a sick bed.

> they have become acquainted with the business of that firm in certain. They how that the concern, and refund the paid-up amount, and firm have large dealings with native fring in San Francisco, Pontand, and Seattle: that larged Spinning Company, Y12 50 paid, are new dupled some of n oney are sent there to pay for come | Ar about Y, and the speculation section that and this knowledge, it is allowed that the light purchasher there is better than

GKEAN ISLAND CEMENT CO. THE UNIONINEURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON LIMITED.

> The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fourth ordinary meeting to be held at the society's offices at noop, on Saturday, the 13th April, is as follows :-

The Board has now to lay before the share holders a balance sheet; containing a summar of the property, and liabilities of the bociety of the 31st December, 1906, and a statement of accounts to the same date.

1905 Account:-After payment of the interim dividend of \$30 per share and the bonus of 20' to contributors passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$835,29264 as per appexed stalement.

The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:

A final dividend to shareholders of S12 per share on to,000 shares \$120,000.00

An addition to the Sterling Reserve Fund of £30,000 at exchange 2/3 3.16...... 264,8/7.59

To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close

the account for the year 1905 ... 450, 163.05 7 shormi31 vsbzob 7 .- 5835,290.64 1006 Account.-The balance of Working Account on the 31st December, 1906, was \$2,08 1,490.31 as per spinexed statement."

The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$10 per share be paid to shareholders out of interest, absorbing \$372,000 and that a bonus of 20% be paid to contributors. absorbing about \$150,000, and that the remainder be carried forward."

New Issue of 2,400 Sharer. -A'l these new shares have now been issued. The shares in the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, acquired by the Society, have been valued for the purpose of the balance sheet at \$90; per there and the profit accruing on this , valuation has been treated as premium on the new shares issued in exchange for them. The new shares rank pari passu with the old shares of the Society for the final dividend on 1935 ag count as well as for the interim dividend on 1906 account and the final dividend thus paid on these new shares will be charged against the premium on the new shares. After kilowing for this final dividend the balance of the premium on the new shares, amounts to \$1,230,688.14 which sum the Board has applied

as follows :--Transferred to Silver Reserve ... \$ (,000,000,00

Transferred to Investment Fluct-

\$1,230,688.14

DIRECTORS.

Since the last general meeting : Mr. II. W Slade has resigned his seat on leaving the Colony, and Mr. G. Balloch of Messrs, Gilman & Co. has joined the Board.

In accordance with clause 26 of the atticles of association Mr. G. H. Medhurst and Mr. G. Wood retire, but offer themselves for it

Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe retire, but offer themselves for re-election. A. G. WOOD,

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907.

[Continued on page 7:]

THE SHARE MARKET.

NOVEL SPECULATION.

The Chugai Shoggo Shimpo, a Tokyp paper n blishes an Osaka letter to the effect that the hu-iness companies which have cropped up of late have heavily suffered from the present depression of the share market, and those who for all letters addressed touthau firmled hey have taken up shares in the new companies produced a pass-book; purporting to be from are now trying their utmost to get sid of them, the firm in question, to substantia'e their list the public, having now, obtained, a great statement. Eleven registered letters were deal of knowledge and experience of the promofound by a clerk after a search had been tion of new enterprises, would not take the hait. made, and these were hinded to one of The more efforts that are made by promoters. the applicants, who in turn chopped a re to improve matters the more the market ceipt form. After giving the receipt back | goes down, and the shares of new companies to the clerk both men departed. About an of doubtful standing have fallen, below the hour later, a representative of the Kung Wo | nmount paid-up. Those who have purchased Chong called and applied for his firm's letters shares at high prices and the promoters of " I've already handed all letters for the such bubble companies are involved in heavy Kung Wo Chong to one of your men an hour I lastes and the only course now left for them is to wind up the concerns. Not a few of these "One of my men in exclaimed the supprised companies are destined to meet this fate. Reman. "No one from my firm has called for | cently the Hinode Cement Company was wound up on condition that the promoting ex-The clerk produced the receipted form hand. pen es should be borne by the promoters, and ed him some time previously and showed if to the amount of the share money (deposits made the accountant, who decided that the chop on application for shares) should be refunce was a forgery. Immediately it was known that jo applicants ... I his course has naturally quite a fraud had occurred the police at the Central satisfied the public. The Oriental Beer Com-Station were notified and a gang of de- pany, the Ot gawa Water Power Electric Motor | Mr. Justice Fitzgerald austained the objectectives were put on the trail of the two Company of Hiroshims, the Petroleum Reffit men. They searched high and low, over, the Company, the Imperial Electric Wire Comup, across, down and out and all the pany and the Horikawa Cotton Printing Compropositions taking the objective case; with giny, which recently issued prospectures with which arrived on Saturday afternoon from out avail; and they were about to throw impartisfactory results, may have no alternative up the sponge, when a Chinaman called at the but dissolution in front of them. The promo-Station and gave them the tip which fed to the ters of the Toyo Wild Silk Cocoon Company capture of the two men and the recovery of the of Kyoto have decided to postpone the east covers. He said that two men lived in his on the shares indefinitely. This action is earlier with a bundle of letters, which he was Intion. The winding up of companies I sones and there were long arguments between certain did not belong to them. Would the has called into being the perchang of shares of others. police investigate? Certainly the police would, of shaky new companies. The buyers call of the condition was based partly went to the house at West Point and captured frevenue such as interest on the paid tip amount the men. The letters were found concealed bithe share money, and if it is found that the company will be able to pay a dividend estud Who these two men are men not known this, to the amount paid op on the dissolution of the morning, but that they were ofther at one time | concern, these speculators porchase targe num connected with the Kung Wo. Chong, or that here of the shares at below the paid up amount They then press the promoters to wind us the

meket the difference. The shares in the Taisel

THE THAW TRIAL

REPORTS TO BE FURGED New York, Feb. 117

Mrs. liamy Thaw only occupied the witness stand for half at hour to-day. She looked very pale and whe begone, and seemed distressed to have in sit speechless most of the me, with the toquisitive, devouring eyes of the crowded court concentrated upon her face.

Mr. Delmas dramatically invited the Public Prosecutor to produce the now historic pencillof note which Mrs. Thraw passed across the dinner table atthe Cafe Martin to her bushand on the night of the tragedy.

A mossenger disappeared, returning with little soiled slip of paper, which Mr. Jerome gave Mr. Delmas, who promptly read it. What Mrs. Thraw had written was:

Bywat here a minute ago, but went out

The B, explained withess with a decisive nodof her bead, meant blackguard, and the blackguard was Stanford White.

After this Mr. Jerome successfully objected to every question regarding the secondhand Stories whichtwitness had toldebar husband of the the perior calcology ber chorus igitle at the hande of Stanford White.

The dofence made very little headway. The document which is presumably Thaw's will, has been admitted, but the identification has been postponed, and the examination of Mrs. Thaw has been deferred till furthe evidence is forthcoming of the prisoner prior to the homicide.

Mr. Delmas produced another expert doctor on the stand, but masmuch as the latter examined the prisoner two months after his arrest. Mr. Jerome ridiculed the value of his

The afternoon session was suspended for five minutes owing to the stifling heat, one juror looking suspiciously like fainting. Harry Thaw was a denally cheerful, but his hair has grown very groy since the trial began. WIRNING TO NEW YORK PRESS.

The most remarkable feature of the law. dal'to-dap was the serving of a notice by Mr. Stimson, United States District: Attorney, on the aublishers of all the principal newspapers in New York to the effect that he intends to bring before a United States grand jury, with a view to a criminal prosecution, all violations, of the Federal laws against the circulation o obscene matter in reporting the trial, -

This was due to the action of the President who sought legal guidance as to the feasibility. of preventing the newspapers giving ful particulars of the case,

WOMEN IN AUDIENCE EXCLUDED. All women, except those engaged in report ing the case, were refused admission, to the court this morning. There was the usual well dressed crowd thronging the corridors, and the wonten tried to coax their way past the brilliff. -but their blandishments were in vain. Their indignation knew no bounds when they were told that Mr. Justice Fitzge ald had specially ordered their exclusion.

Mr. J. Dennison Lyon, a Pittsburg banker, was the first witness called, but Mr. Jerome objected tombis being examined before Mrs. That's examination had been concluded, My Dolmak said that when the Court adfourned on Friday the defendatit's will was under discussion. It had been ruled out because there were certain ulterations and interlineations; and proof of the authenticity of

these was required .. The defence now proposed to proceed further with the will identification, hey considered that enough evidence had been introduced to establish a prima facia casa. of unsourdness of mind. Mr. Jeromethereupon withdrew his objection. Mr. Justice Fitzgerald, ruled that consent

must be given by Mr. Jerome before each witness proceeded. MRS THAW RECALLED

Witness identified an envelope as one which he received from Thaw. Then Mrs. Harry

Did you ever hear Mr. Thaw refer to threats Mr. Delmas replied that these threats had been made and it was competent to prove that Thaw had armed himself after hearing theso.

ereMra Justice Fite zerald buled theit the defendant's own claim that threats had been made. against his life could not be allowed Tie next question was whether haw had

malefactors, who bad been set upon him by While with designs upon his life. Mr., Jeronie again objected, and was upheld. Witness, then stated that he first; saw, Mr. Thaw with a pistol same time after Christmas, 1933. He never carried one except in New

Will you state when you first met Miss May McKenz e?-I think it was in 1001. Did you ever tell Mr. Thaw of the visit you paid to Miss McKenzie when she was sick in hospital and White was present?-Yes.

State what you told Mr. Thaw. Mr. Jerome objected to this piling up o cumulative evidence without an essential fact

the defendant's mental condition by evidence as to his looks, this sets, and his doare unia. He maint single that the prianger was momentarily instine, and he was endea. vouring to show it by a series of such melote ind after the recurrence of the shopting

WA DELMAS NONPLUSSED drawal of Mrs. Thaw, and Mr. 1) elmas asked

l new line of evidence On resuming L'r. Charles Wagner, superinlendent of the State Hospital for the lasane at Blighampton, said he had exemined prisoner, on six occasions in the Combs Prison. Mr. conversations with or answers given by pr

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To-dap's Advertisements.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

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OTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting to the 30th day of April, 1907, for sending in Claims against the above Estate. All: Creditors are bereby required to send

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In the annual report by the Registrar, Supreme Court, it is stated that the total number of companies registered from the commencement of the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," was 501 with an aggregate capital of \$239,470,873

Of the gor companies on the register 85 are defunct, 2 were not floated, 114 were wound up and 46 were in the course of being wound up, leaving 254; on the register at the end of 1906 representing an aggregate tapital of \$157,246,055.

There were 39 companies registered in 1906, the revenue from which was:-

Filing and other fees received during the year 2,383.00

COMMERCIAL WAEKLY SUARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Measrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the 15th inst.:--

Another quiet week has to be recorded. The business has been mostly of an investment nature, and there are but few changes to report, Banks,-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been negotiated at \$200 and \$805, closing with sellers at the latter rate. The London quotation has declined to Ling. Nationals are

Marine Insurances: Unions have advanced to \$835, and are in strong demand. Cantons continue weak at \$205.

Fire Insurances .- "oth the stocks under this heading have not fluctuated. Shipping .- China and Mamilas have weaken-

ed to \$18.4x the dividend of \$1 per share paid it on the 13th inst. Douglases are offering at \$35. told witness that he was followed about by Hongkong, Capton, and Macao steamboats. have changed hands at \$30, and more shares are obtainable. Indo-Chinas have sellers at \$83. Shell Transports have hardened further. after sales at 41/6, and are now wanted at 41/6. Star Ferries are steady at \$30 and \$20 for the old and new shares respectively. Shanghai Tugs (ordinary) have sellers at Tis, 514. Sales

> have taken place at Tla 51. Refineries. China utars have depreciated; and after sales at \$113 close with a weakeding

Mining. Chipese Engineerings have ruled very strong, and have been the mediam of a Mr. Delmas replied that he was trying to co siderable business at Tle. 13.20. closing in demand at the former figure. Raubs have Docks. Wharves and Godowns -- Kowloon.

What are quiet at \$93.5 Hongkoog and Whampon Docks have been sold at \$130, and have buyers at this rate. Shanghair ocks have declined to 11s. 105 at which rate shares Jerome sereed to a temporary with- bave been sold in the Worth Hongithe Wharls have sellers at Tis \$332 for the old for an adjournment to allow him to prepare & shares. The new shares are quoted Tisc 2224.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings - Hongkong Hotels are steady at \$18, flongkong Lands can be placed at Sig? Soles have taken place of Hymphreys Retards It \$14.10 and abares. are offering at fit 20. Shanghat Lands are easier and sales have taken place at Line for Auglo French Lands are quebel at Tis loge, Collon Mills - E Por tro oblainable at The

Hongkong Cottons have changed hands Siz. Laou Kung Mows have declined to Tis 105 Internationals have improved to Tis.

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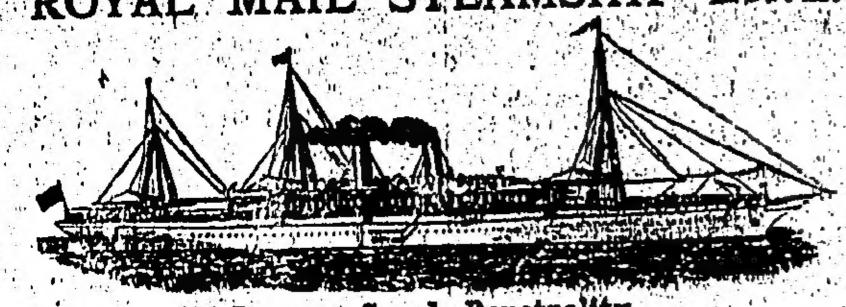
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to fulfil all that is required of it. Criticism of a general nature has recently been passed on the Hospital, and es, the subject may come up for discussion at the approaching meeting of Ratepayers it is advisable to recall briefly to public knowledge the history of the institution, The hospital dates from 1863 and has undergone mapy vicissitudes: in the forty-three years of its existence. The original scheme provided for the formation of a company, and 18 shares of ils, 100 each were actually taken. Financial success cid not attend. the working of the ijospital, and in 1868 it was thought advisable to modify its constitution. The Trustees invited shareholders to cancel their scripmand to vest the property "in a permarent Board of ex-officio elective, Trustees," This proposal was brought forward at a most. ing of shareholders and uly approved by them and for the next seven years the task of inducing shareholders to surrender their scup was systematically carried out by the Trustees it in 87; the Hospital question had become acute. and a special meeting of Ratepayers was called

September to consider the subject After a lengthy discussion a resolution was carried instructing the Municipal Council to treat with the Trustees with the view of taking over the property and founding a Municipal Losp tal, and at the same time authorising the raising of debentures to the amount of Tis. 30,000 for the purpose. These instructions, however, were not acted upon; but as result of n, conference between the Trustees and the Council a meeting of shareholders was held in December, 1875 and it was agreed to liquidate the Institution and to vest the property inthe Board of Trustees, the present Board of Governors comprising three Consuls four ratep-yers chosen by the Northern Municipal cipality and two by the French Municipality. The ratepayers of the former, Municipality granted a sum of Tis. specd to the new ligard, and both Councils make an annual contribution for free beds. Krom the rost Deed. clated July 17, 1878, it is clear that the Ceneral. Hospital, is to be regarded as a property beld in trust for the whole forergo Shapghai, and that ratepayers of the two Municipalities are the final court of appeal in all questions con-

cerning its administration. It was a happy inspiration that promoted the youthful Settlement, in the early sixtier, to secure the services of the devorate sisters of the Order of St. Vincent de Paul to undertake the management of the General Hospital, The needs of the community were small and the very considerable saving effected by accepting the sisters offer was, doubtless, appreciated at the time. In 1875 Illere were buly 24 beds in use and ten sisters proved more than sufficient for the Hospital's requiremental To-day, however, there are 119 beds, in the Institutions while the number of the sisters engaged is only so, In the fast thirty years hospital work has made great strides and enundertaking it than it did in 1875. The Sisters of Charity have for lorty years been the patient and devoted ministers of this community they have lided the hospital over its casty hequered careery and are now entitled to say that the work is severe enough to be anjousted to purely professions! (Sands) There can be no doubt that this feelings la growing in the Settlement itself that the opinion prevails that by perpetuating the pre-

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ragonia, Ger. s.s., 5,198, J. Ernst, 12th Mary-Portland, Or. 12th Feb., Gen -H. A. I. Slue Cross, Br. s.s., 1,950, Heielton, 12th Mar, -Cardiff 17th Jan., Goal -Admiralty. howfa, Ger. s.s., 1,055, F. Spiesen, 8th. Mar., -Kohsichang 28th Feb., Rice and Wood.

-B. & S. Dagny, Nor s.s., 883, O. Abrahamsen, 5th Mar.,-Canton 4th Mar, Coal,-Asgaard, Thoresen & Co

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Eutin, Ger, s.s., 1,107. Lungsehwagen, 12th Mar., -Saigon 8th Mar., Gen. - J. & Co. alk, Nor. 8:8., 1,380, G. M. Gundersen, 11th Mar., -Rajang (Borneo) and Mar., Timber. -5., W. & Co.

Germania, Ger. s.s., 1,7 4, H. Lorenzen, 13th Mar, -- Sourabaya and Mar., Sugar. -- J. &

Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,277, A.E. Hodgins, 14th Mar., - Foochow, toth Har., Amoy 12th, Yawasa Maru, 20th Mar., 11 A.M. and Swatow 13th, Gen. D., L. & Co, & Hollas, Gor. s.s., 2,556, W. Metsenthin, 15th Mar .- Kutchinotzu cth Mar. Coal -H. A. J. P.M.

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apan, Br. s s., 3,806, J. G. Olifent, 13th Mar., -Calcutta 24th Feb., Penang and Singapo o 6th Mar., Gon.—D. S. & Co., Ld. Kinkiang, Br. s.s., 1,22%, H. A. Wayell, 15th Mar.,—Canton 14th Mar., Gen.—B. & S. abor, Nor. s.a., 949, J. H. snsen, 12th Mar., Mar., 11 A.M. .- Natuna Island via Singapore 3rd Mar.,

Timber and Planks .- Chinese. Margarita, Am. s.s. 721, J. A. R. Cushing, and Mar., Singapore 24th Jab. Masan Maru, Jap. s.s., 702, I. Sakujai, 15th Mari-Tamsni toth Mar., Gen.-O. S. K. Merapi, Dut. s.s., 1.597. Uldell, 14th Mar., - Mars, 23rd Mar., 10 A.M., Singapore 8th Mar., Sugar, - Order. Europe, &c., India,

Singapore 8th Mar., Sugar.—Order.

Michael Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 951, H. Bendixen, Macedonia, 23rd Mar., 11 A.M.

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Saigon 6th Mar. Rice. Order. Mary, Jap. 2. 2. 04, H. Yamagushi, 12th Manila, Fr. Wilhelmsharen, Herbertshobe, Mar, Saigon 3rd Mar., Rice. Gilman Merapi, Simpsonhafen, Brishs e, Sydney, Suma Maru, Jap. s.s., 2, 04, H. Yamagushi, rath Mar, Saigon 7th Mar, Rica. J. M. &

Tango Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,626, A. E. Mores, roth Mar, Shanghai 7th Mar, Flour, Matches and Gen.-N. Y. K. Tartar, Br. s.s., 2,768, H. Davison, R.W.R., 15th Mar, -- Vancouver 14th Feb., and Shanghai tith Mar, Gen,-C. P.R. Co. Tean, Br. s.s., 1,385, A. Sommerville, 15th

Mar. -- Manila 12th Mar., Gen .-- B. & S. Tjilatjap, Dut. s.s., 7,475, P. J. van Emmerick, 12th Feb., —Moji 7th Feb., Coal.—J. C. J. Nor. s.s. 884, J. Pedersen, 12th Mar,-Saigon 7th Mar. Rice and l'addy .--

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Morning Prayer IX a.m., Venite, Farrant le Deum, Barnby; Hymns, 172, 113, 594 and 220, Kyrie.

Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer, 6:30 pm., Cantate, Woodward; Deus, Hopkins; Hymns, 395, 92, 295

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Anthony's Chapel, West Point :- Mass. Union Church !-- Services, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.

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-	Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	"'s, 50 £1	Tl*, 50 £1	{	11: 23,156	Interim div. of Tis. 21 a/c 1906	21 %	Tis. 50 buyers 19
Y.	"Star " Ferry Company, Limited	TO,000 .	\$10	110 5	\$65,000 } \$32,957 } (Tir. 98,000 }	\$218	{\$1.50} for year entline :0.4.1906,	C 38 %	\$30 \$20
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ruk.	Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000 7,000	7100 Tis, 50	1100 Tis. 50	none Tis. 100,000	Tls. 8,935	and the first of	51 %	Tis. 75 buyers
	Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld	, r,coo,ooo	£1 G \$10	£1 G. \$10	£26,011	£12,546 G \$909,050	Final of 1/- (No. 7) making 2'- for year and 28,2,06	2	Tis. 13 buyers. G. \$10
ng.	Paul Consolidated Mining Company, Limited Paul Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	L1	18/10 £1	£4.873	Di. £8,745	No. 12 of 1/==48.cents	•••	.18}
pril. May	DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	18,000	525	725	570,000	58,915	\$2 for 1905	10 %	\$2 0
÷ ',	Hongkong & Kowleen Wharfand Codown Co., Ld.	2.4	fro	to	\$65,160 \$20,000	J 20,040	12} for a/c 100	61 %	103
ión,	New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	10.000	363	163	\$40,500 \$50,000 \$8,00	4co.933 \$2,221	\$6 for 2nd alf-year making \$12 for 1906 . Fi for 1915 Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 8 for 1905/6		
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	Angle-French Land Investment Co., Ld	6,000	TIF, 10 125 \$15	\$25 \$15	130 000	54,719	. 52.40 on \$12 for 1005	10 9	30 sellers
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112	Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited	7,000 7,000	": <u>"</u> . 2	5 Tis. 25	11s. 20,783 none:	1 is. 1,939 \$4,69	Final of 6 %=10 % for 1905	121 %	Tls. 151
 .	Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	F,000	\$50	, 530 mi	\$50,000	\$1,089	Final div. of Tls. 1& bonus Tis. 14 (old sh.)	8 61 %	
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WM, KATZ of a daughter, On March 5, 1907, at Westeliff-on-Sea, Essex, daughter.

On March 7, 1907, at Shanghal, the wife of with a powerful and friendly Navy at hand SEYMER HANKIN, of a daughter. On March 10, 1907, at Shanghai, the wife of any possible concatenation of circumof JOHN W. MOSS, of a son. MARRIAGES. On March 4, 1907, at Shanghai, CHARLES

GRORGE, third son of R. L. King of Clapton, London to MABEL ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of E. G. Wilson, Shanghai, And Market On March 7, JAMES RANKINF, second son of Robert Crawford Lyness, Queen's Park. Glasgow, to EDITH MARION, second daughton of David Cranston, Shanghal.

DEATHS. On March 5, 1907, at East Chillington, near Lewes, England, GRORGE CLEMENT DE ST. Undix, formerly of the Hongkong & Shanghal Banking Corporation, aged 52 years. On March 6, 1907, at Bhanghal, EDMUND HEINEICH AUGUST PREIGAT, I.M. Customs, aged of years,

(he Hongkong Celegraph MAIL SUPPLEMENT, ISSUED GRATIS TO SUBSCRIBERS.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1907.

AMBRICA'S NAVY IN THE FAR EAST.

(oth March.) The fact that the naval authorities of the United States have decided to augment the American fleet in Far Eastern waters will be of interest not merely to those who attempt to gauge the designs of the New World Power, but also by that large section of the community whose commercial prosperity is likely to be increased by the presence of a large fleet which has its base at Manila. No details are yet to hand, and it is probable that no definite arrangements have vet been made as to the number and character of the vessels which are to be placed under Admiral Brownson's command, but is is believed in San Francisco that at least one additional battleship and two cruisers, besides several craft of smaller size, will be commissioned to cruise in the Far East, so that the American fleet will be a very substantial factor in maintaining peace in this part of the world.. For some time past, the Government of the United States have been building warships at a rate which, if continued must eventually bring the Republic into line with the older maritime nations of Europe. It is no secret that 'America intends to outstrip her rivals as a Naval Power in so far as ships, men and material are concerned, and with that object no Briton can find the slightest fault. The stronger America becomes the greater the likelihood that peace will be maintained, and security of life and property assured, not only for her own nationals but for all who belong to the great Anglo-Saxon-speaking racer It is not suggested that the United States Government hope to build men-of-war which, as regards numbers, will exceed the aggregate of the floating war engines flying the St. George's | year had proved exceptionally successful, Cross, but she is undoubtedly bent on securing second-place amongst the Naval Powers, an ambition with which there is no reason for us to quarrel. Now that she has adopted a policy of Imperialism, fortuitously brought about by the acquisition of the Philippine Islands, the United States cannot afford to neglect her new subjects or fail to afford them that tangible evidence of protection which is made manifest by the presence of flying squadrons which can sweep the seas from Singapore to Sasebo: Fortunately, Great Britain and the United States are on the best-of terms, and he would be rash who would dare to prophecy that any rupture in the diplomatic relations of the two countries could conceivably occur now or henceforth. There may be some who will see in the strengthening of the American fleet in the Pacific a warning to Japan, but that idea may be dismissed as chimerical. The alliance subsisting between the United Kingdom and Japan is quite sufficient to guarantee that and questions arising between Japan and 'America, in which the amour propre of either country may be concerned, will be settled amicably. No one would dream for a moment that Great Britain or the United States would allow their commercial interests to be jeopardised by the intrusion of comparatively minor affairs affecting the internal economy of another Power. As a matter of fact, a writer in a recent number of the San Francisco Chronicle declares that within a very few years the navies of Great Britain and America will be sufficiently powerful in combination to compel the peace of the world. Here, then, is the aim of the Hague Peace Conference settled almost before the representatives of the nations have begun to discuss the terms of the peace convention. For, as the augmentation of the United States Pacific fleet will unquestionably lead to more frequent visits by the Philippine squadron, our relations are certain to become closer. It is possible that with American co-operation the emeutes and disturbances which frequently occur in South China will be suppressed once and for all, without reference to the authorities who are either so weak and impotent or so supremely callous to the functions of their office that they have so far failed to stamp out disorder. Another reason for the proposed increase in the naval strength of America in the Far East is, doubtless, due to the fact that when the Panama Canal is completed there will be ample scope for the Navy of our kith and kin to establish a judicious system of naval Servan, France, the wife of E. G. LEBAS, I. M. patrols in the Pacific, but it is rather early Customs, of a son. (Gordon Cyrielle Georges). in the day to give consideration to that On March 2, 1907, at Shanghai, the wife of point. The great matter for congratulation is that despite the withdrawal of the British Rogland, the wife of L. H. HOWELL, of a squadron of battleships from the China Station we can rest in the knowledge that

BANGKOK FIRES.

stances that may arise in the future.

we need have no fear regarding the outcome

there is the possibility that, in consequence of the vigorous articles which have appeared in the Press of that city lately, there may be an improvement in the near future. There is ample room for improvement, as every resident admits, but the sole question is whether the authorities will awaken to a sense of their responsibilities. The newspaper exchanges from Bangkok show that at least the foreign element in the community is alive to the necessity of measures beonlooker at the course of events. The fire oblige." insurance companies whose headquarters are in this Colony are intimately concerned, for their business extends to the realms of King Chulalongkorn. Only the other day. the chairman of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., when announcing that the operations of the company during the past remarked, more in an aside than as part o the report which he had to submit, that, since the New Year has opened we have been involved in a somewhat serious loss by a conflagration at Bangkok." In other words, the shareholders need not hold too buoyant a view of the results which will have to be reported at the next meet of Messes. Pesbody & Co., was a test ing. And all this is due to the apathy, the criminal carelessness of those who are and pointed to preserve the amenities of Bang. kok. If the China Fire Insurance Company is involved we may be absolutely certain that other companies have not escaped. The insurance agents in Bangkok may be clever men, well able to judge whether it is advisable to underwrite fire risks, but while the buildings which they insure may be acceptable as insurable properties in every respect, the surrounding dwellings may possibly invite wide spread-destruction in the event of fire. A writer in the Press of Bangkok speaks out clearly on this point; He remarks: " Bangkok through its fires has such a bad reputation in insurance circles that many of the companies are considering the advisability to retire from underwriting in Siam; others have already given instructions to confine risks to certain people and places. It is appalling to consider what the consequences to trade will be if the dealer be unable to cover the risk of fire. One has to know that practically the entire trade is carried on credit. Hardly any cash transactions will take place, unless the Government quickly, forcefully and methodically steps in to remove the risks." It should be stated that there are no rules and regulations-in, Bangkok as to the storage of kerosine and inflammable goods generally-or, to be on the safe side, there appears to be none. Any small dealer can stock his attap shed. with goods which are liable to bring ruin to the whole neighbourhood. Once a fire starts in the congested areas-and the greater part of Bangkok is one grand congested area -it is practically impossible to check its progress until it has burned itself out, which usually means when it has swept to the water's edge. For a city which pretends to be in the hands of enlightened officials, where motor-cars are all the rage, and modern inventions are looked upon with a certain degree of favour, Bangkok is woefully deficient in this matter, which is apt to bring upon it the scorn and oppobrium of every civilised community. The authorities will certainly get no sympathy from the shareholders of those fire insurance companies which are doing business in that city. Is it not about high time that public opinion in Bangkok should make itself heard, and heard so imperatively that the officials will be compelled to mend their ways so that the

A GERMAN NAVAL VISIT.

city may no longer be subject to the

devastating effects of wholesale fires?

(11th March.)

and wooden shanties are crected on the though by their official nature partaking more staple commodity of our own refineries. eye. For months the Canton Mint has been ruins of the former structures, passage for less of the perfunctory and formal yet give From the latest Kobe exchanges to hand working at full pressure, the employees turnways of little or no breadth are constructed evidence of more cordiality than is usually as- to-day Germany is once again making a ling day into night in order to meet the deand the old condition of things is allow sociated with such greetings. And it is extre- fresh bid to push the sale of beet sugar in mands of the authorities. If then, the ed to prevail. No attempt is made mely proper that it should be so. At no time the markets of the Far East. The Japan circulation of the subsidiary coins was are ignored, where the fire brigade standing and a mutually benevolent regard appliances are antiquated and inadequate, between the two peoples. As a manifestawhere the water supply is utterly neglected, tion of this comity the present courtesies and where the authorities make no effort to with their note of friendliness is a matter for better matters. Even the Palace itself is not | congratulation. The excellent Band carried exempt from these periodical occurrences, by the Fuerst Bismark is made the subject and only the fact that hundreds of of fayourable comment in the Philiprine soldiers and sailors are pressed into service | capital. The merits of their performance are as firemen on such occasions explains too well known locally to need to be enlarged pagodas within the royal bounds at the pre- with what interest, the music-loving public manufacturers to retain their markets exsent day. Bangkok is hopelessly behind the in Manila were anticipating the public per- clusively for their own factories. times so far as the observance of sanitary formance of that fine Band. Our contemand hygienic principles are concerned, but | parary remarks :-- "Incidentally, we believe Manila would still more appreciate the visit of our German friend if given the chance to listen to the band of the Fuerst Bismarck, which gets the name of being one of the finest in the German navy. We understand Hongkong and in fact nearly every port at which the German cruiser has called has been given the pleasure of hearing the band play, and it seems fitting that Manila be included in the list of the band's beneficiaries. We suggest that jour imunicipal authorities ing taken to prevent so far as possible the take time by the forelock and request the destruction of valuable property by fire. In services of the band for an evening concert this connection, it must be remembered that on the Luneta. We feel sure the comman-Hongkong is not altogether a disinterested der of the Fuerst Bismarck will gladly

PHILIPPINE CUSTOMS KERUND PAYMENT.

(12th March.) The brief notice given in our issue of last evening of the appropriation by the U. S Congress of \$71,000 due to Messrs. Warner Barnes & Co. of Manila, must come as piece of welcome news to some of our merchants here in Hongkong whose claims for refunds of the Customs duties are still pending in the Washington tribunal It may be explained that the case of Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., with that case. Messrs Barnes success, therefore means that the other claims will also have to be met and that something like four million dollars gold will be turned over to Manila's merchants. The judgment just provided for by Congress, was not included in Secretary Taft's retroactive legislation o the last session and hence was not suspended. as are the balance of the claims, pending a final determination of the legality of the secretary's measure. Mr. John W. Haussermann Haussermann, Cohn, Williams, and Van Dyke, attorneys for claimants, said when interviewed by a representative of the Manila times: "The news just received in most encouraging. While, of course, the appropriation affects only the single case of Warner, Barnes & Co., Ld., it goes to show the will of Congress to settle promptly the nation's indebtedness. All the claimants may therefore take encouragement from this action, since Congress has now irrevocably committed itself to the payment of these claims. As soon, therefore, as the Supreme Court, on the appeal now before it in the case of Heinszen & Co., confirms the illegality of Secretary, Taft's retroactive measure (which blocked the other claims) and the claims that follow the test case come up for appropriation by Congress, that body wil find itself bound by its recent precedent and unable to yield to any influence that may be exerted by Secretary Taft either to prevent or delay payment of the claims that will be reduced to judgment with the final decision of the case of Heinszen and Co. I am fully expecting the Heinszen and Co. case to be finally determined by the Supreme Court during the coming winter. If so, the claims of all those who have perfected their proofs should be reduced to judg ment in time for inclusion in the genera deficiency bill of the summer of 1908, W will, of course, be unable to secure payment of a large number of the claims filed in such a short time because, for some unaccount able reason, some of our clients who are among such claimants are negligent i furnishing us with the documents and proof necessary to perfect their claims. Such apathy seems strange in view of the con tinual success in advancing their interestsperhaps, this last bit of encouragement may induce them to move."

THE SUGAR TRADE.

(13th March.)

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THE QUESTION OF SUBSIDIARY CUINS.

(14th March.)

When the aged ruler of the two Kwang provinces passed through Hongkong some. months ago in order to assume the office vacated by Viceroy Shum, his advent was hailed as a propitious sign of the times, when the reactionary policy of his predecessor would give place to a new and enlightened system of government which did not depend upon a number of shibboleths for its success. Viceroy Chow Fu, at a banquet given in his honour by native residents, gave utterance to some admirable sentiments regarding the mutual friendship and cooperation which should subsist between Hongkong and Canton, and expressed the view that . China 'could not 'afford' at this' stage of its progress along Western lines to dispense with the advice and assistance. tendered by foreigners. Such a declaration. was distinctly antithetical to anything said by the previous Viceroy, and gave rise to the highest hopes among those who desire to see those hopes fulfilled is another question, for. revived in utter disregard of the cogent reas sons which led to its extinction last year. It was a recognised fact that the existence of the lottery in Canton attracted bands of Southern capital, led to all manner of piracies and the commission of coldof contamination to all who came within its scope. But the monopolists having advanced the necessary \$100,000 to the provincial coffers are regarded with something akin to affection, and the viceregal authorities have not shown themselves over-squeamish in handling the besmirched coin. This leads us to another question which it was expected would receive honest consideration when Viceroy Chow. Fu came into power. The veriest tyro in financial affairs has some knowledge of the unsettling effect which the dispersal of a super-abundance of Chinese subsidiary coin has had on trade generally in Hongkong. The new Viceroy, acting up

to guard against another conflagration, have the relations between the two countries. Chronicle, from which we gather the in restricted what became of the surplus stock? nothing is done to permit of the restriction been more friendly. A most welcome change formation, learns from a vernacular con- Has it been allowed to accumulate in of an outbreak within a narrow area, and the has taken place since the day of 98. This temporary that the demand for German the Treasury vaults, till even Viceroy result is that when a carcless householder change has been effected largely by the sugar (shiro sarams) has largely increased in Chow Fu feels that the temporary suspensions overturns the inevitable cheap lamp the Kaiser on the one hand and President Japan, and importations are increasing. of the manufacture of twenty cent pieces entire district is consumed in smoke. It Roosevelt on the other, each seeing in the Alarmed at this, the Japan Sugar Refining will in no way affect the Treasury's income a is little wonder then that fire insur- other much to admire and each endeavour- Company has begun to manufacture While he can argue with every appearance ance companies fight shy of a city where ing to promote, with no unfair discrimina- sugar of the same quality for the purpose of ingenuous blandness that the Mint being the most ordinary precautions against fire tion against other nations, a cordial under- of checking the importation of the Cerman closed he cannot be held responsible for an product, and recently sold S L quality at over-stocked market in subsidiarye tokens Y15.05 per 100 kin, 50 or 60 sen cheaper what is there to prevent his disposal of the than the German sugar. This underselling superfluous coins which were in all likelihood has greatly reduced the number of Japanese manufactured in view of the time, when remerchants giving contracts for importation presentations would be made by the British of German sugar, and the Japanese sugar Consul General ! It would have been much refining company is expected to attain its more satisfactory if the British representaobject in stopping the import of the Ger- tive had not merely secured the closing of man article. Thus we see another evidence the Mint, but had exacted a clear and the existence of the various temples and in Hongkong, but it is pleasing to observe of the determination animating Japanese definite promise that not a single subsidiary coin should be issued by the Treasury other than those already in circulation—during the "close season." He should have pointed out distinctly that to withhold the issue of subsidiary coins by one department and show a blind eye to the distribution of the coins by another is not giving effect to the letter and spirit of the Hongkong-Canton authorities arrangement. Of course, there is no proof that the Viceroy is a composite body like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, but his Bxcellency's ready acquiescence in Mr. Mansfield's proposal is, to say the least, liable to be regarded with suspicion. . / Iready business has been so adversely affected by the unloading of the subsidiary coins in Hongkong that any thing which will restore the credit of the tokens will be welcomed. Last week the depression in the yarn market was attributed to the depreciated currency, and the same holds true of practically every branch of trade. The bulk of the retail business in the Colony is done through the medium of coins of minor values, and if those coins are at a discount it stands to reason that dealers must advance the price of their goods in order to secure themselves against loss, with the result that the purchasing power of the the Government of Canton en rapport with | consumer is reduced and the general overthat of Hongkong. Whether we shall see turn diminished. But it is not merely in the business that the subsidiary coin affects the there has been little indication that the community. At the end of every month Chinese authorities are inclined to forsake the demand for \$1, bills on the Hongthe rut in which they have travelled for so kong and Shanghai Banking Corporalong a space. Take, for example, the Wei- tion is far in excess of the supply; which seng Lottery Monopoly which has been the Bank is empowered to make under statutory, enactments. These bills are roquired for the payment of the school fees of pupils attending Queen's College, the school. being a Government institution, refusing to the worst section of Chinese subjects to the accept the Chinese subsidiary coins tendered in payment of fees. So that even education crimes by unsuccessful gamblers, was in no in Hongkong is handicapped by the influx small measure responsible for the increase of the coins, the actual amount which the scholars have to pay in excess being practicalblooded murders, and, in fine, was a source ly equivalent to a month's fees in twelve months. For all these reasons it will be deplorable if it should turn out that the Viceroy has been playing fast and loose with the Consul-General at Canton and speaking with his tongue in his check to the Government of Hongkong. We can only entertain the hope that our fears are without foundation, and that Viceroy Chow Fu may yet prove that his remarks while in Hongkong were not mere vapourings,

HONGKONG BANK SHARES.

(15th March.)

Those who are interested in the affairs of to his public announcement that he would the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corendeavour to co-operate with the authorities poration have already gained a comparain this Colony in all that was calculated to tively clear idea of the terms on which it advance the interests of the two centres of is proposed to increase the capital of the trade in South China, was induced to pro- Bank, but a circular which has been issued mise that he would restrict the output of to the shareholders conveys in a more subsidiary coins from the Canton Mint, I lucid and succinct form than has yet while, on the other hand, the Government | been given the intentions of the direchere arranged to refuse admission to torate. As the chairman stated at the additional tokens of the smaller values recent half yearly meeting of the sharepending a readjustment of the financial holders of the Corporation, it is desired to situation. It was confidently believed that increase the capital, at the present time. the combined action of the British and Chi- from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000, but the nese authorities - would have the effect of proposal to be submitted to the extraordinary raising within a short time the value of the meeting which is to take place on 31kt depreciated coins and lower the discount on May next will invest the directors with the the product of the Canton Mint, with the re- power of securing an amendment of the sult that the depression in trade would even- Ordinance whereby the capital may be intually disappear and fresh stability and en- creased from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 couragement be given to the commerce of should the necessity arise or the directors: Hongkong and Canton. The Hongkong deem it desirable at any future date Government loyally adhered to the arrange to advance the capital to the larger ment, and returned some \$200,000 in sub- figure. In the meantime, the sharesidiary coins which had been sent out for holders will not be called upon to express circulation by the British Mints, But while I an opinion as to the larger sum, but to sauce the Viceroy of the two Kwang allowed it to | tion the contemplated increase of \$5,000,000; be known that he had ordered the daily out- leaving it open for the board to approach put of the Canton Mint to be reduced by the shareholders on some later occasion something like 50 per cent., the issue of with the object of still further advancing the twenty cent pieces being dealt with in parti- capital under the provisions of the amended cular, there appear to have been grounds for Ordinance. In the circular which the Cor-Time and again attention has been called suspicion that if the actual coins sent into poration has issued, shareholders are remind. in these columns to the determination of the | circulation had been diminished, the Mint | ed that the capital of the Bank was increased Japan sugar refining companies to rigidly had made no effort to reduce the total num- in 1890 from seven and a half millions to ten exclude foreign sugar from entering Japan ber of coins produced. At all events, no millions, but notwithstanding that enhanced to compete with the locally refined product. other deduction seems possible when it is ligure at which the capital stands to day, and The visit of the German flagship to the That we did not raise any alarmist note in stated, according to our Canton correspond the augmentation of the bank's funds by per-Philippines appears to have evoked a mani- the warning given and opinions expressed, the dent, that the British Consul-General con- iodical additions to the reserve, the directors festation of cordial welcome from the offi- vigorous debate in the Diet on the Sugar sidered it expedient to represent to the Vice bave been led to the conclusion that in view cials and press in the American depend Tax Reimbursement Bill furnishes ample roy the fact that the market, was being of the continued expansion of trade in the Within the past lustrum, there have been | dency. The same feeling of containing evidence. The Japanese refineries are most swamped with Chinese subsidiary coins to | Far Rast, with the additional demands on innumerable fires in Bangkok, the dam- was extended to our Teuton friends as was jealous of the markets which, rightly or the detriment of all legitimatotrade and to the resources of the bank in consequence. age in several cases amounting to millions tendered to the British tars on the memory of ticals. Entire districts have been gutted, able visit of the British fleet to Philip the face of the city altered, yet no lesson pine waters, last year. Commenting on the support of the s seems to have been learned by the authori- recent call paid by Admiral Breusings China to the exclusion of the Hongkong closed against the production of twenty cent the facts that the directors are of opinion ties from these repeated outbreaks. They flagship to Manila last week, the local Zimes article have already been commented upon pieces for the next three months. On the that the prospects of trade and commence appear to accept these visitations as acts of observes that the exchange of courtesies be. Reference has also been made to the fact. face of it, such prompt action access to allow in the Fat; Rast warrant the exchange of courtesies be. Reference has also been made to the fact. that such a proposal as that now presented has not been launched without baving recelved the careful and earnest consideration of those at the head of affairs. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the development of trade in the Far East are so closely interwoven that the condition of the one indicates the position of the other. The prosperity of the Bank is the true barometer. of the times... While we are passing through a period of general depression, when most people are inclined to indulge in gloomy prognostications of the future, the management of the Corporation which has its finger on the commercial pulse of the Far Dast are serencly confident that the cycle of depression is nearing an end! Probably that is the best news that any community could learn, and it will be assimilated with as much delight by the business section of Shanghai as that of Hongkong. It is proposed that the new issue shall consist of 40,000 New shares of \$125 each at the price of £30 per share, to credit capital account with \$5,000,000, the balance of some \$5,500,000 being placed to reserve. The new shares will be allotted to shareholders on the registeron 31st May, in the proportion of one new share to two old shares. Should the applications for the new shares from present shareholders fall short of the number issued for allotment, then the directors will dispose . O these at their discretion, the amount received in excess of \$125 being carried to reserve It is also proposed to make £15 payable on 1st July and £15 on 1st Cctober. We take it that the directors will not be called upon to exercise their discretion in dealing with shares for which the present shares holders have failed to make application; The probability is that all who can see their way clear to meet the calls will do everything in their power to acquire a property which represents the finest gilt-edged security in this part of the world. While there are many who have no direct interest the latest proposal emanating from the Corporation, there is none who will not rejoice in this evidence of the Bank's continued prosperity, its consistent development and its importance as a factor in the preservation of British influence in the Far East.

CANTUN RAILWAYS. After the enthusiasm which was displayed By Chinese residents in Canton and Hongkong over the suggestion that the Canton-Hankow railway should be constructed with Chinese capital, by Chinese labour to the exclusion of all foreign engineers or foreign financial aid, it has been curious to observe the comparative apathy exhibited by the merchants and 'gentry in the scheme, and their mute acquiescence in the endless delays which have occurred in the beginning of operations. It seemed at one time as if the line would be built and in workt ing order within the space of a few months, The Chinese guilds, societies and organisations vied with each other in the effort to obtain a majority of the shares, and even the street coplies were not wanting in their eagerness to become shareholders of what was to be national or, at least, a Cantonese undertaking, All of which was regarded as extremely significant of the new era that had commenced, and instructive of the new ideas that had been absorbed by the enlightened commercial eler ment of Canton. But there has been a full the books of the company have had to be examined, not once or twice but repeatedly; certain moneys have had to be accounted force and it does not seem that the directors are any nearor the day when the work will be started in real earnest than they were when it was declared that the subscription list had been closed, and the first call made on shareholders. That money has been lying idle in the native banks of Canton-a portion of it, at any rate, for it may be remembered that the Canton shareholders were severely critical of the action of Hongkong shareholders who refused to remit the money in payment of the first call until the preliminary difficulties had been settled. Now comes an interesting states ment which, it is alleged, has been made regarding the disposal of those funds. - Yielding to the "representations of the British syndicate for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon railway," the Viceroy instructed a couple of taotais to proceed to Hongkong and "other places" with the object of disposing of the shares in the Chinese section of the Canton, Kowloon line: The taotais arrived in Honga kong, according to our correspondent at Canton, and, no doubt, canvassed their wares throughout the Colony, but, if our information is chrrect, they found a curious reluctance on the part of Chinese financiers, here to take up the shares. It would never do to admit failute; so the taotais devised a scheme whereby the funds required might be obtained without dangling the shares in their possession before the unresponsive eyes of the Hongkong mere chants. They suggested, in a telegram to Vicetoy, Chow, that the surplus capital of the Canton-Hankow railway might be withdrawn from the native banks-where it has been deposited at low rates of interest-and invested instead in the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon railway. They argued that, as the latter is likely to be in full working order at no very distant date, quick returns from the money so invested might be expected and the funds at present lying idle would be employed to the advantage of all concerned. Such, at least, i to the Viceroy. Before coming to the state, ment that the Viceroy is supposed to be far yourably impressed with the scheme, it would be interesting to inquire on what legal grounds the directors of the Canton-Hankow railway could justify the diversion, of money deposited by shareholders for a definite and provinces little more than a year ago. Were purpose of the subscribers, then the directory might be held culpable of an offence which is described by an unpleasant name. Andinagain, what is this "surplus capital" zufarred, to in the telegram of the taotais?... It is, so seldome that one comes across, an undertaking with surplus capital which can be used to finance other enterprises that the term is nothing more or less than bewitching. Certainly there are funds belonging to the shareholders of the Canton-Hankow Co. which are at present yielding little or no income, but when the Company, forgets its dilatory habits, and the directors amekan to a real sense of their responsibilities shore funds, but been paid into the Treasury there being so findness as the present comp

and a great deal more after them, will be mad claimants, although of course, these may turn to the last cash. It may be, when the writers up at a later date. In one instance, an estate of the alleged telegram spoke of "surplus | which realised \$21,867 lies, with the Treasury. capital " they meant the accumulated in while there are several amounts ranging from torest on the money derived from the first call on the abareholders, but that would not amount to much: certainly it would not be sufficient to finance the work of constructing the Chinese portion of the line to Kawloon, And so we still remain in the dark regarding the nature of this "surplus capital." As we have said, the Viceroy is said to have been favourably impressed with this highly original scheme. But Viceroy Chow has a rather delightful way of being impressed with any and all suggestions, that may not be quite feasible at a first glance but may in the end prove, of advantage to the Government, which is to say the Treasury. Besides, it saves much trouble and makes everybody concerned happyexcept those who stand to lose-when the head of the Government is nown to be favourably impressed.

SUPREME COURT AFFAIRS.

As a rule there is little that is of vital im

portance in the statistical reports which are

published annually by the heads of the various

public departments, at any rate from the point of view of the average reader, the masses of figures being more calculated to confuse that to enlighten. In the case of the Supreme Court report, however, the paucity of figures as compared with the usual returns for the year makes the task of appreciating the value of the work performed much simpler than generally happens. Moreover, there is considerable signi ficance attached to the Registrar's statement, not so much from the criminal returns as from the civil section of the report. Complaint has been made that the judges of the Supreme Court are overworked, that they are unable to cope expeditiously, with the cases which are instituted; but whether that complaint be justified or otherwise it is not exactly evident that their. Honours found the roster beyond their control last year. Naturally, it will be admitted that the appointment of a third judge would be extremely desirable in order that where the Court is at variance in appeal cases a nefinite result might be secured, one way or the other. But that is beside the question at the present moment "With regard to cases instituted in Original Jurisdiction, 154 were pending when the year opened and 204 were entered; of these 166 were disposed of, 40 being settled or withdrawn, while go were struck out of the cause-book; having been standing over generally for more than a year. It is impossible to say from that state. ment what was the actual number of cases heard by the Court during, the year, but we know that 162 cases remained at the beginning of this year to be dealt with in one way or another. The total amount involved was \$2,244,795.99; the debts and damages recovered reached the sum of \$747,973.76; and the fees collected and paid into the Treasury amounted to \$10,174.35. No less than 1,794 actions were placed on the Summary Jurisdiction list, but over 900 of these were either withdrawn, settled before trial, or struck out of the list, leaving a balance of 243. Again we are at a loss to know exactly the number of cases disposed of in open Court, but it was certainly, no inconsidetable proportion. The amount involved was \$976,381.8B and the fees collected amounted to 18,220.50. The landlords on their agents were to the fore as usual with 374 distress warrants for rent, representing an aggregate sum of \$42,160 odd, and of that sum \$15,230 was recovered, while, 173 warrants were with drawn, the parties having arrived at some private settlement. Seven appeals were submitted during the year, four being against decisions of the Chief Justice, one against the decision of the Puisne Judge and two from the Magistrates and Land Court respectively. Altogether, five appeal cases were decided, leaving two pending. Will reference to appeals to the Privy Council, the decision in the action of Chu Ping v. Chan Ut Chin and Pun Kon Shan reached the Colony, the appeal being allowed with costs. Two Privy Council cases remain undecided-Chan Hong Kitt and others, seven witnesses who were committed for perjury, and a bankruptcy case. Four vessels were arrested during the year under orders issued in Admiralty Jurisdiction. Perhaps the most interesting section of the Registrar's terse report is that which comes under the heading of Bankruptcy Jurisdiction, for herein we are able to judge, to some extent, of the commercial position of the Colony during the year under review. though 1906 was not exactly what could be described as a halcyon year for trade, it appears that only 43 petitions were filed, 26 being at the instance of debtors while 17 were presented by the debtors themselves. As the report briefly puts the results: "The number of receiving orders made was 37, being 23 on creditors' petitions and 14 on debtors peti-The number of public examinations held was 20, There were 15 adjudications'; no compositions were apploved by the Court, There were two discharges. It is curious how debtors invariably regard their affairs-when it is the creditors who present the petition -as in a most flourishing condition. they might be believed, adversity is unknown to them; the cry of wolf" is absurd: Although they claimed that their assets were worth \$600,807 when it came to the realisation only \$76,207 could be recovered. Of course, in question or understand it if he does. this, may have been due to forced sales at an unfortunate time, but there is certainly a con-'siderable disparity between the debtors' views as to the value of their estates and the actual amount realised. The liabilities of those who appeared in bankruptcy were declared at over \$3,880,916. Last year 39 companies were registered in Hongkong, from which fees amountdeclared to have been the gist of the telegram ing to 18,299 were derived. It is one of the peculiar traits of human hature to delve into the private lives of others and such inquisitiveness accounts for the interest bestowed on the " wills and bequests " column of home papers. an interest which is fostered and pandered to by the most respectable journals. Those who. have this faculty developed to any extent will specific purpose, into another channel in turn to the division headed "Probates and which the majority of the investors have no Administration" in the hope that their appetite avowed interest? The money was subscribed may be gratified. In all, probates and letters for the construction of the Canton-mankow of administration to the number of 194 were railway and for no other purpose. The parties grapted, the aggregate value of the estates. who subscribed the money were either actual being,\$5,708,450. Probate duty was paid to the ated by motives of commercial gain or animat- | amount of \$164.221, court fees, \$8,789, and official ed by that patriotism which passed as a tidal administrator's commission, \$4,180. There were wave over the population of the two Kwang, 84 estates vested in or administered by the Official Administrator during the year, reprethe directors of the larger line so influenced by senting a value of \$105,118; 39 estates were the suggestion of the tactais that they con- wound up, their value being \$41,683. Among the Vicercy stating that he is not sented to the diversion of the funds under their some of the estates on which large sums were control to a project, which, while undoubtedly paid to the Crownias probate duty was that of of equal interest, is yet alien to the original, the late E. R. Belilios, whose Hongkong estate was valued at \$2,424,700, on which \$72,741 was corning the payment of indemnity in paid. The late H. W. Davis left \$301,400, while cases of piracy: Fullarton Henderson's effects were valued at \$135,700. A large estate whose value was set down at \$111,000 was left by the late Atwell Coxon. Included among the estates of well known persons who were once familianin Hongkong circles, or whose relatives have once been connected with Hongkong may be mentioned i determines the fineness, of the dollar at 312 quarters, of the Coulon, Mills, without the con-Bruce Shepherd who left an estate valued at grains (instead of 416) and the least current sent of the proprietors. The pice was some

Scoo to \$3,500 await the heirs. As will be seen from our summary there is a touch of remance even in this statistical report, which speaks of fortunes lost and regained and fortunes await ing those who probably least expect them?

THE INDIAN IMMIGRANT IN CANADA.

According to a writer in the Indian Review for February the suggestion that there is no room for the Indian immigrant on the Canadian Pacific coast is a base and malicious fabrication. Five years ago, if the water, himself an Indian, is to be helieved, there, was not Sikh, Hindoo or Mohammedan in Vancouver. but they began to come in small parties until now there are some 2,400 Indians in British Columbia alone. The author of the article is not always consistent in his remarks, for while he states in opening that," the search for newer and richer fields of work attracted their roving dispusitions to British Columbia, in his closing sentence he describes his fellow-countrymen'as 'an essentially home-loving people and proceeds to say that when it is considered' their caste and religious, prejudices offer very serious bars to their migrating to the foreign | meeting may in the year 1907 pass a resolution countries; that they are clean, honest, hardworking, innocent and inoffensive people, the | the sum of \$900,000 being part of the undivided iniquity of the campaign which has been started to influence the Government to keep these citizens of the British Empire out of a country. that forms the integral part of the Empire can be readily seen." The answer of the people of Vancouver is, naturally, that if the Indians, are such lovers of their native land they should among the shareholders the 200,000 unissued. stay at home. And to exhibit their views on this subject they carefully refrain from giving | resolution has been pussed the general manathe immigrants work of any description, re'use to provide them with house accommodation, and allow them to starve in the streets. It will he remembered that when the last batch of immigrants reached Vancouver they were reduced to such straits that many succumbed to | gers may authorise any person on behalf of the the inclemency of the weather, while others | shareholders to enter into any agreement with were accused of highway robberies, burglaries | the Company providing for the allotment to and other crimes. Women and children were | them of such shares credited as \$4.50 paid up depicted as trembling with alarm when a band of Indians was seen in the distance and the newspapers were filled with instances in which the "honest, hard-working innocent and inoffensive people" had been guilty of terrorising the weaker section of the community. Mass meetings were held to protest against the Indian invasion, and the parliamentary representatives of the district were require ed to exert every influence at their command to bar the gates of Canada, to the intruders. Yet in face of this opposition the writer in the Indian Review cheerily inspires his brethren with the belief that the movement for their exclusion from Canada is merely a passing wave of feeling and practically invites them to come over to Canada and risk the consequences. He cites one or two Canadians who are entirely on the side of the Indians. but, we fancy, his authorities are hardly to be accepted as conclusively trustworthy. It has been said that the newcomers, fresh from the plains of India are incapable of withstanding the severe cold of the North West, but the author is quite confident that such an idea is absurd, a popular delusion in fact, for he has known these men to "thrive in the colds of Manchuria and Siberia," If the Indians who passed through Hongkong last year on their way to Canada had experience of and throve on the verge of the Arctic Circle then all we can say is that appearances are extremely deceitful. One of the advantages, of living in Canada is, apparently, that the Indians don European dress-with the exception of the turban, which, also, is soon discarded for would be an inducement for any. Oriental, but warning the travelling Indians against the emigrate, it must surely be obvious that of the Indian writer. They have been told that nothing but destitution lies before them in Canada, that there is no work for the Indian immigrant, that the people are hostile, and that they will not be tolerated in the country. In these circumstances, it seems little short of criminal to attempt to persuade ignorant coolies that their future will be made the moment they put foot on Canadian soil. Rather it should be said the worst miseries they endured in India were as nothing compared with what they will have to face in the new country. Fortunately, it is not very probable that the Indian helot will read the article

Telegram.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE:

THE "SAINAM" PIRACY

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO THE VICEROY.

[From Our Own Gorrespondent.]

Canton, 8th March.

the British Consul-General at Canton wrote to the Viceroy asking him about the settlement of claims in connection with the piracy of the s.s. Sainam last year. and has now received a reply from aware of any provisions in the existing Treaties of the two countries con-

ASTRAITS Government Gasette Extraordinary was issued on 4th inst., containing a proclama-Settlements, Coinago, Order. The schedule set up when a coolie weatoned in the servante So,900; Thomas Rowan, \$83,000; Bishop weight of the fifty cent piece, or half dollar 150 what too old, and also too thin to appeal to Hoars, \$47,850; H. M. Bevit, \$133 800; Captain grains. The Orders simply bring into legal Mr. Hazeland, when the trespasser was placed Barpas-Laurence, Suso C. Fu Focken, Sto 700, being the decision of the Government to issue etgis in many cases the value of the estates in dollar of lighter weight but of the same

GREEN ISLAND CEMBAT CO. LIMITED:

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Athelevon-o'clock to-day, at the office o Messes, Shewan, Tomes, and Company, St. George's Building, an extraordinary general mostifig of shareholders in the Green Island Comont Company, Limited, was held, when certain resolutions were passed.

There were present :- Mr. R. Shewan (chair man), Sir Paul Chater, Hon: Mr. W. J. Gres son, Messra. W. L. Pattenden, T. F. Hough, R. Hancock, F. E. Ellis and R. Henderson The notice convening the meeting was read

Then, the Chairman proposed Resolution No. 1:-That the capital of the Company ! increased to \$4,000,000 by the creation, 200,000 new shares of Sto each,

Hon, Mr. Gresson seconded.

Carried. Resolution No. 2 was then put before nesting. It read :- That the Articles of Association be altered by striking out the figures "\$1,500," in Clause 5 of Article XII and by substituting therefor the figures "\$4,000" and by striking out the word "lands" in the second line of Clause t of Article XVI and by inserting; after the said Clause x new Clauses as follows :- (1a). The Company in general to the effect that it is desirable, to capitalise profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund and accordingly that that sum be distributed as a bonus amongst the shareholders in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and that the general managers be authorized to distribute shares in like proportions. (1b). When such gers may allot and assue the 200,000 unissued shares credited as 14.50 paid up to the shareholders in satisfaction of the said besus in proportion to the shares held by them respectively and prior to such, allotment, the general manaand in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be

The Chairman proposed its adoption. Sir Paul Chater seconded,

Carried The Chairman-That is all the business. gentlemen. I am much obliged for your at-

tendance. The resolutions having been passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

GEO. FENWICK AND CO., LTD. MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

An annual meeting of shareholders of Massrs. Geo. Fenwick and Company, Limited, was held in the Hongkong Hotel, at noon, to day. Mr. A, Rodger presided. Others present were:-Mesars. W. Parlane, J. McCorquodale, J. D. Kinniard, J. Forbes, J. Irving, H. P. Smith and I. I. Androw (manager).

. The notice convening the meeting was read,

after which: The Chairman, said: - Gentlemen: With your permission we, will adopt our usual practice and take the report and statement of accounts as read. Your directors regret that the year under review, so far as engineering and shipbuilding are concerned, began with a dullness in trade which continued for eight the neat and shapely bowler. No doubt that months; but we are glad to say that notwithstanding this, we got a fair share of the work most people would prefer to see the native in offering, profits on which were small owing to his national attire and in his natural sphere. the strong competition prevailing. During the The whole objection of the Canadians is direct- latter months of the year, a briskness in busied against the Indian coolie. Already, Indian | ness set in, and we have been kept fully emstudents, merchants and travellers have the open | ployed in all departments since. The launches, sesame to the Dominion, and no objection is | buildings, plant and machinery have been kept offered to their prese ce. But there is, a in a good state of repair. Unfortunately the decided and strenuous opposition to the immi- severe typhoon of September 18th caused us gration of the coolie class. As the writer some inconvenience and monetary loss, to the admits that the last batch of Indians extent of \$2,400, at North Point, and \$1,700 at consisted chiefly of peasants and farmers who | the Wanchai Works, -in all \$4,100. The dam: had come "direct from their homes and rural, age wrought at Wanchai has since been made farms" it can hardly be argued that the Cana- good; whilst about a third of that at North dians should class them as other than coolies. Point, which required immediate attention, was And when the Government of Canada, to say repaired at once. The report and statement of out avail, and, they were about to throw nothing, of the Government of Hongkong, accounts now before you are very clearly detakes the trouble to send out express messages | tailed, and therefore it is needless for me to repeat the figures therein stated. We trust the advice of those who would induce them to proposed division of profits, as presented, meets with your approval. I informed you at our there is some fallacy in the arguments last general meeting that we had petitioned the Colonial Office for permission to carry on our business at Wanchai for a further period of three years. This, I am glad to tell you, they have been good enough to grant. Our new site at North Point is filled in and the reclamation finished and ready for building purposes, but the lifeless state of the land and property market in the Colony at present, retards our contemplated removal there. Late in August, we contracted to build two steel

stern wheel steamers for the inland waters of Indo-China. At the end of the year the work was well under way. Since then, both have been launched. One is now completed and ready for delivery, and the other should be finished about the middle of next month. An order was also booked to build six large wooden lighters for Hongkong owners. Lam sorry, to say, we have been unable to finish the work as soon as was anticipated, owing to a scarcity of carpenters in the Colony since the typhoon. The European staff have worked in harmony, and carried out their respective duties willingly. I am pleased to say we have started 1907 under more favourable conditions than last year and the prospects seem much brighter, so, far as business and inquiries are concerned. not think there is anything further I can say which will interest you, but before moving the adoption of the report and accounts, should any further information be desired I shall be pleased to give, it to the best of my ability.

There were no questions asked: The Chairman moved that the report and accounts be a lopted and passed. Mr. Irving seconded.

r. Forbes proposed that Mr. A. Rodger be re-elected to the directorate... Mr. McCorquodale seconded.

Canied. Mr. H. Percy Smith was re-elected the Company's auditor for the ensuing year, on the motion of Mr. Kinnaird, seconded by Mr.

The Chairman :- Thank your for your attendance, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday. This closed the meeting.

before that Magistrate, last Monday morning,

land a fine of \$12, with the usual alternative was

A GRUESOME DISCOVERY. SMALL-POX PATIENT IN LOCKED ROOM.

At the instance of Sanitary Inspector Fincher, Lai Tai, a contractor, carrying on business at No. 35, Queen's Road Central, was summoned before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, last Friday morning, at the Police Court, for falling to report a case of small-pox to the Medical Officer of Health, or to the nearest Police Sation. The defendant denied the charge. He said he only knew the man to have been suffering from fever Inspector Fincher spoke an to finde ing the patient. At four o'clock on the afternoon of the 9th inst; he said, he received a telephone messagensking him to pay a visit to a certain house, which was under construction at East Point. Witness went to the first floor of the house in question, but found the door locked. He called for the keys, opened the door, and lound a coolin-lying on a bed smothered with the disease. He had the man removed to the hulk Hygela, where he died

some time later. His Worship; (to defendant)-How, did this man come to be locked up in the room? Did ou lock him up?

Defendant-No. 1 did not. His Worship-But how did you come to have the keys in your pockets when the inspector. called for them?

Defendant-They, were, handed to, me, by His Worship-Then how can you explain this man's presence in a locked room?

Defendant-1 think he was locked in by His Worship-Did you or any of your men

know that he was suffering from small pox?, Defendant-I did not know. The man was a bit ill a few days before, but it was not known that he had that disease.

His Worship said that it was now as to whether defendant had a guilty knowledge. It was a very bad case, he said and one which will have to be looked into. Dr. Moore, medical officer of the Gaol, who was summoned by the Court; was asked whether it was possible, in the present case, for a person to have known that deceased was suffering from small-pox two days before he was found by the inspector. The doctor's reply to the question was inaudible, but it was presumed that the doctor did not remember, the case and wanted time to refresh his memory

The case was adjourned, A. SOHBMIS THAT FAILED. ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE

Two Chinamen, whose names have as ye not been obtained, are cooling their heels, in cells at the Central Police Station awaiting certain charges to be framed, against them by the Crown Solicitor prior to making their debut before a police magistrate to show caute why they should not be dealt with summarily, or otherwise, for violating certain postal regulations. The charges that will; be made against them will probably be that of frauda come time yesterday afternoon, two men called at the Registration Branch of the General Post Office and representing them;

selves as fokis of the Kung Wo Chong firm, of No. 93. Connaught Road West, called for all letters addressed to that firm. They produced a pass-book, purporting to be from the firm in question, to substantiate their statement. Eleven registered letters were found by a clerk after a search had been made, and these, were, handed to one of the applicants, who in turn chopped a receipt form. After giving the receipt back to the clerk both men departed. About an hour later, a representative of the Kung. Chong called and applied for his firm's letters.

"I've already handed all letters for the Kung Wo Chong to one of your men an hour ago," said the clerk. ...

One of my men !" exclaimed the surprised man. "No one from my firm has called for opinion on this matter, our le teis to-day,"

.The clerk produced the receipted form handed him some time previously and showed it to the accountant, who declared that the chop was a forgery. Immediately it was known that I a fraud had occurred the police at the Central Station were notified and a gang of detectives were put on the trail of the two men. They searched high and low, over up, across, down and out, and all. prepositions taking the objective case, with up the sponge, when a Chinaman called at the Station and gave them the tip which led to the capture of the two men and the recovery of the covers. He said that two men lived in his house. They had returned home a few minutes earlier with a bundle of letters, which he was certain did not belong to them. Would the police investigate? Certainly the police would 'A detective, in company with the informer, went to the house at West Point and captured the men. The letters were found concealed

Who these two men are was not known this morning, but that they were either at one, time connected with the Kung Wo Chong, or that they have become acquainted with the business of that firm is certain. They knew that the firm have large dealings with native firms in San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle; that large | Tytam .. sums of a oney are sent here to pay for goods, and this knowledge, it is alleged, led the men to tamper with the letters.

One of the letters, it is said, contained a cheque for a large amount,

> THE SMALL POX CASE. A CONVICTION SECURED.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, medical officer, of th Victoria Gaol and Intectious Diseases Hospitals in Hongkong, refreshed his memory sufficients ly to appear in the police court this morning to give evidence in the case in which Sanitary. Inspector Fincher, of the Eastern District Sanitary Depot, prosecuted Lai. Wai, a contractor. of No. 33, Queen's Road, Central, for failing to report a case of small-pox, particulars of which were reported in last evening's Telegraph.

Dr. Moore was asked by the Court; "D you reme r ber a man being received on board the hulk Hygela on the 9th instant, from No. 33. Queen's Road?

Yes," witness replied: "Ho was suffering from small-pox, he not?"

Was the case a bad one? "Yes. About the ninth day of the disease.

"Would you say in your opinion, doctor. that the day before the man-was removed to the Hygela anyone seeing him would have known him to be suffering from small-pox?" "Yes. Four days before it could have been

His Worship at first thought there was a conflict of evidence at yesterdays hearing. tion substituting a new schedule to the Strails "LOOKING for a friend" was once again the plea. He pointed out that Oversees Anderson statthe building for four or five days. The delandbeen abient from the works for two or three days He also admitted that he knew the Thean was ill suffering from fever so be said. and the Coun's contention was that probably eccured had me guilty hearinges. Beachbe

medical evidence cast aside any doubts, the existed. The symptoms of the disease could bave been seen four days prior to the man removal to the Hyggin. The contractor had been away for two or three days only, therefore he must have known that his foll was suffering from the infectious disease. The would pay a fine of \$100, or go to gool for three months. The fine was paid,

CURRESPONDENCE

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKOND TELECRAPH."

DEAR Str. Time alone will show but whether for the good of the Company or not. the Dock Co, has, by the purchase of land, etc. practically pledged itself to carry out the enargement of the car Dock at a rough estimate of cost of \$150,000. From the last half year's returns \$50,000 was voted for this purpose and the Chairman said it was hoped to raise the whole i um without calling up further capital. In face of future opposition there is no doubt that it would not be wise to further increase the capital of the Company, but why only write off \$50,000 every half year for this purpose, and why not take a bold step and write off the whole amount out of the next six months' profits thus settling the whole question atonce. A few shareholders might grumble, but I am sure the great bulk of them and especially those who were investing and not speculating with their money will approve if such a step; is taken. Surely they will be content to do without a dividend for the time being if they know it is for their future, benefit. Three years ago question Mr. Wilcox, warned the shareholders against exacting every ounce of profit. Unfortunately his warning was not regarded and shares have dropped Stoo per share in the meantime. There is still time to save the company, but needs a bold policy and it will not be done by tinkering with 50,000 dollars every half w year. It only requires the Directors to have a little pluck and I am sure the shareholders and investing public will back them up.-Yours faithfully,

SHARBHOLDER. Hongkong, 13th March.

FIRE INQUIRY EXPECTED.

TO BLUCIDATE ALLEGED INCONSISTENCIES.

If a rumour which was in circulation in the city to-day is true, and there is sufficient reason to believe that there is some truth in it, an inquiry will be held at an early date into the circumstinces surrounding the outbreak of a fire which destroyed a house in Je vois Street. some days before the Chinese New Year. That the police authorities have been a long, time investigating the matter is quite evident, but certain matters, which bave been brought to light during the investigation necessitate the calling of a Court of Inquiry. As far as can be learned no sattlement has been arrived at between the insurance company and the owner of the building. The ground floor of the house in question was used by a piece-goods firm ; the first floor as a store-room, and the upper storeys, as quarters for the employees. The building and goods therein were insured for \$21,000. Soon after the fire, the policy-holder sent in a claim for the full amount, and this, it is reported, the insurance firm refused to meet, holding that from an examination of the premises after the fire there was not \$11,000 worth of silk goods in the firm's store-room; in fact, it is alleged, there were no goods there at all before the fire. They made the piece-goods firm an offer, but it was refused. At the inquiry which is expected to take place, soon expert evidence will be called to give an

FASHIONABLE CHINESE MARRIAGE.

A most interesting wedding ceremony took place on the 14th inst. when Miss Martha Ho Kal. the eldest daughter of the Hon Dr. Ho Kai, was united in the bonds of wedlock to the son of H.E. Wu Ting Fang. The bridgl procession, which was a gorgeous spectacle, perambulated Lower Castle, Road, Seymour Road, Robinson Road, and along Castle Road to the helds home at 7 West Terrace. The little bride who accompanied the procession on heart were gaily attired, their head-drey pins particularly wonderful. Many Chillings took part in the functions of the day gradul monies being entirely successful is out point of view.

WATER RETURN

Level and Storage of Water in on the 1st March.

21 8" below below 1 24' 10" b-low overflow 30 71 below 1 31 61 below Poklulum. overflowid 45 17 below 35 64 below Wong-nelchong ... overflow Joverflow STORAGE GALLONS. Tytam 107,320,000 225,520,000 Byowash Pokiulam 7,450,000 Wong-nei-chong

Total 114,770,000 233,594,000 Consumption of water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of February.

Consumption.... 92,631,000 102,782,000 gailons Estimated] 231,100 230,101 population ... Consumption?

per head per. day J Intermittent supply in Eastern and Rider Main Districts during the whole month of

February, 1906, intermitten; supply in the whole, of the Rider Main Districts during the whole month, of Rebruary, 1907, except from the 4th to the little inclusive where universal constant supply was in force for the Chinese New Year cleans by operations with Consumption of water in Kowloon Boninsula during the month of February.

14,585,000 15,518,000 gallogs Consumption Estimated. 77,750 82,450 12116 Consumption) per head per >

The Government Analyst reports that the

SHAMBEN PUBLIC EDIFICES. NEW CUSTOMS QUARTERS. LAYING THE FOUNDATION STATION.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shameen, 7th March. Conspicuous among the edifices in course of erection here are those for the new offices of Messrs, Arnhold Karberg & Co. and the quarters for the Customs Indoor Staff. The former forms a large three-storied building and presumably will prove to be a very imposing structure, next to the premises of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, whilst the latter occupies a large area on a site in the French Concession.

The foundation stone of this building was laid by Mr. Commissioner Mayers to-day at noon in the presence of nearly all the Foreign Consuls and leading residents, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the company proceeded to the Coast Inspector's Office where the customary toasts were heartily responded

The firm of Messrs. Purnell and Paget are to be congratulated in being the architects of this colossal building which, there is no doubt, will be one of the landmarks of the Concession. I am informed from a reliable source that Secretary Root has applied to Congress for a sum of \$115,000 gold for an American Consulate at Canton. The time is indeed ripe for the Americans to possess a building of their own in this the principal port of southern China. Both the British and the French have their own Consulates in their respective concessions admirably suited for all requirements, and the Germans too, after many years, have now one of the finest buildings in Shameen,

The Portuguese Government also has acquired a plot of ground, about two years ago. and although plans have been prepared and submitted no signs of a commencement to build on it have been forthcoming, and should not be surprised to see the Japanese Consulate, albeit in its infancy, located in a building of their own ere long.

PROPERTY SALES.

Acting under instructions from Messrs. Gold-. ring and Barlow, mortgagee's solicitors, Mr. Geo. Lammert, auctioneer, put up for sale by public auction at his sales rooms in Duddell; - properties situated at Kowloon Tong. the New Territory, in the Colony of Hongkong. comprising respectively the pieces of land situate at Kowloon Topg, and registered in the Land Office as Lots Nos. 402 and 413 of of Survey District No. 4. The first comprising an area of 2.35 acres, and paying an annual Crown rent of \$7.05, and the second 5.19 acres, paying Crown rent \$14.07. At the last moment it was decided by the parties concerned to sell the property in two lots. Lot No. I being put up first, and falling to Mr. J. Basto when the bidding reached \$1,550. The second lot passed to Mr. C. B. da Roza, for \$2,800. .

The following lot of Crown land was let by public auction, at the offices of the Public Works Department on the 11th inst., the land' being held for a term of 75 years from 15th July, 1898, with the usual option of renewal, and subject to the expenditure in rateable improvements, on the land of \$2,000. This lot is registered as Sai Kung inland lot No. 38, situated at Hang Hau, and containing 14,000 square feet, being subject to an annual rent of \$64. The upset price was \$280. This property was knocked down to Mr. Li Ping for \$290, being one bid of \$10 above upset price.

MORRISON'S JOURNEY.

The substance of Dr. Morrison's telegram to The Times descriptive of his journey overland from Hankow to the Tonkin border was as follows:-

From Hankow Dr. Morrison proceeded to Changsha, thence by river to Hengchoulu and by Chinese road 750 miles to Kweilin, Nanning (the newly-opened port on the West river) and Lungchow, near the border. He found officials and people throughout equally friendly.

First-hand information on the spot revealed the recently reported rebellion on the borders of Kiangsi province as a local frontier disturbance exaggerated by nervous accounts sent from Changsha. It was easily suppressed in a few days by the modern-drilled troops sent from Hupeh. The insurgents who have been represented as a powerful force equipped with modern magazine rifles were mostly scattered bands of disaffected villagers armed with gingals, spears and swords. The German engineers employed in the Pinghsiang collieries were required to withdraw to Changsha, where they remained for a month but they saw no reason for that withdrawal and the work in the mines went on regularly, the train running to Liling on the river four times daily as usual.

Kwangsi province Dr. Morrison found to be now quite tranquil, policed by troops who are regularly paid and foreign-trained. The rebeilion in this province had been repressed with such severity that the population had almost disappeared and it is now being re-peopled with Hunanese military settlers.

In regard to the opening of Nanning on January 1, Dr. Morrison noted the satisfactory fact that the settlement is being laid out at the expense of the provincial government and the regulations especially provide that the whole city and not the foreign settlement only will admit foreign goods without likin charges. The proposal to transfer the provincial Government to Nanning has been

abandoned. proved condition of the soldiers, who, while not approaching European efficiency, might be been converted into schools and colleges while students in semi-foreign dress were counted by thousands. There could be no question of the widespread desire of the people to learn about foreign things. In Kweilin there were excellent preparatory, middle and high schools; also a class taught by a Frenchman, singing English glees to the music provided by a Japanese harmonium. There was, however, a regrettable dearth of good teachers, Japanese educational appliances specially prepared for Chinese use were to be found everywhere and every school had its physical and

military drill. Outside Chihli Dr. Morrison saw no evi-- deace of attempts to enforce 'the recent opium' regulations, but their nature has become well known through the native Press and, every

school was an important anti-opium agency. Neither was any evidence of railway progress | siderable to many business men of Manila, seen, though much talk of it was heard. The appointment of Yuan, lately Taotai of Shang- pany, with that of Peabody and company was hai, as director-general of the Hupan section | a test-case, and now that they have received of the projected Canton-Hankow railway had, as Texpected, destroyed what little confidence the people and gentry previously felt of the essistance.—N. C. D. News.

S. S. "DAKOTA!

ABANDONED TO UNDERWRITERS. rith March. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, local agents for the Great Northern Steamship Co., write us

under to-day's date:-"We beg to inform you that we have received telegraphic advice from our head office in Tokio to the effect that the Great Northern S. S. Co. have abandoned the s.s. Dakota to the underwriters. Prospects of salving cargo are poor; but may possibly save some,2

The Robe Berald of 5th inst. says: -On inquiry, late this afternoon, we learnt that no further particulars of the mishap to the Dakota had been received at the local office of the N.Y.K. It has been stated that there were 3,000 Japanese labourers on the vessel, but we are informed that this is not correct.

The Dakota's cargo is reported to have included 3,700 bales of raw cotton, and 350 tons general cargo for Kobe, with 1,500 bales of raw cotton and 420 tons, general cargo for Yokohama. She also had on board 40 tons of sundries for Nagasaki, 900 tons of cargo for Shanghai, and 2,150 tons for Hongkong. The Yokohama branch of the N.Y.K. has

received the following telegrams: Mar. 4, 1.15 a.m.—The Dakota is in great danger. Her forepart is under water, and the interior of the vessel is flooded. Immediate assistance is requested. All the passengers and crew are safe. Please make arrangements to send them to Yokohama.

Mar. 4. 2.20 a.m.—The Dakota has sunk.

The Minnesota has arrived here to assist her. The following particulars are given in Tokio despatch:-The Dakota stranded off Shirahama on her way from Seattle to Yokohama, at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening. 'She has not entirely sunk as yet, but her position is hopeless. The passengers are said to have been landed at Shirahama. There were 65 cabin passengers, and twenty-five in the steerage. The N.Y.K. steamer Om! Maru left Yokohama for the scene of the disaster at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, with Mr. McWilliams, representing the Great Northern Company, and Messrs. Atsumi and Chin of the. Yokohama branch of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on board. The Kaisha has asked the Toyo-Sensui-Gyogyo Kaisha (Oriental' Submarine Fishery Company) to undertake diving operations with a view to the refloating of the vessel. The Yokosuka Naval Station yesterday sent Street, on the 11th inst., the valuable leasehold-the warship Yaeyama and a torpedo boat to the

in aid of the Dakota. A message is stated to have been received in Tokio yesterday afternoon stating that the vessel was then submerged to her second mast. In addition to the passengers, twenty_bags of i mail have been landed.

It may be mentioned that the Dakola was launched at New London; Connecticut, in 1904. She had been on the service since 1905. .

It is said, according to the Jupan Herald that the close resemblance of the topographical features of the Sunosaki Point, in Awa province, and the Joga-shima, on the Miura peninsula, misleads vessels trying to make Yokohama at night. The coast of Shirahama is very rocky. and extremely dangerous on account of the rapid currents and high waves which sweep the coast. It was on this coast that the N. Y. K. liner Tokin Maru stranded and sank in 1803; while the O. & O. S.S., Co.'s steamer Belgic shared a similar fate in August, 1897. Both these steamers were subsequently refloated however, and we may hope a similar outcome will follow in the present case.

CANTON FOREIGN SECRETARY

NEW- APPOINTMENT.

[Front Our Own Correspondent.]

Shameen, 7th March. H.E. Viceroy Chow-fu has appointed Mr. Ho-yau to be the Secretary for Foreign Affirs, and he will shortly assume the duties of his office. Mr. Ho-yau was formerly the Consul-General for China at San Francisch and being an official who has had considerable experience. with Western politics and has been in close touch with Europeans, the appointment is well

BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT. ALLEGED BOLD BURGLAR.

Of samples of the "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain " to which the coolie is so much addicted, as we are told, by more or less authoritative writers, there is no end. When a Chinaman is charged before the magistrate for some or other of the daily perpetrated offences, which keep their Honours busy, marvellous indeed are 'the excuses' with which he is ever ready to prove-to his own entire satisfaction—his innocence of any such peccadillo. If caught in a gambling den, with cards and money in his hands, "Oh," he says, was not gambling: I had only just looked in to find a friend." If caught entering premises by the window, he "heard a noise and wanted to look-see." When are rested with stolen garments in his possession. he was "gently walking down the street. when the garments fell from the clouds right on to his shoulders;" and so on ad infinitum. But it remained for Chan Kam, a coolie-living at No. 16, Ui Hing Lane, to give the Court a startler, when he was ordered to free a charge of attempting to commit burglary at No. 23, Sau Wa Fong, last night. The stereotyped question being put to him, " Do you admit the charge?" the accused blandly replied that he did-he heard "a woman's voice in the house and wanted to look see "I Evidence showed Dr. Morrison was much struck by the im- that accused was seen by a next door neighbouring removing the bar from the door of the house, and giving the alarm, started to chase trusted to deal effectively with any local dis- the accused, who dashed down the road yelling turbance. He was still more impressed by the and shouting as if all the devils were after spread of western education; all the town him. He was secured at last and Inspector and many villages had school with foreign | Gourlay took charge of him until this morning. fittings. Frequently all the temples except the when it was time to "place him before the down to \$90,000. city temple and the Confuscian temple had magistrate. There was some doubt as to the man's intentions, and he was given the benefit the typhoon, will be as follows :of it. Four weeks ago: a similar occurrence [: Rebuilding No. 2 wharf ...\$142,000 happened at the same house, and only one week agothe place was entered and property removed, [the thieves leaving no trace.

MERCHANTS' CLAIMS SUCCESSFUL!

The Manila Cablenews of 7th inst. says :-Yesterday Attorney John W. Haussermann received a cablegram from Washington announcing the fact that Congress had approprinted enough money to cover the claim o Warner, Barnes and company for refund duties, which amounts to over \$70,000.

Mm Haussermann says that this indicates that all claims will be paid which will mean con-The case case of Warner, Barnes and comfavourable judgment many other cases will be

settled shortly, or to write the second second Mr. W. W. Brown has a claim of some possibility of the line being built without foreign | \$45,000 which will probably be the next to be

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARE & GODOWN COM-PANY, LIMITED.

The toport for presentation to shareholders: at the twentieth ordinary annual meeting, to be held, at the City Hall on Wednesday, 20th

inst., at 12.15 p m., reads:-The directors have now to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 11st December, 1906.

The profit on working was \$407,693,17, as compared with \$390,753.to in toos, being an increase of \$16,940,07. "The balance at credit of profit and loss.

account, after paying interim dividend of 5% and including \$20,040.05 brought forward from last year, is \$258,207.91 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows !--Directors' and auditors' fees ... \$ 10,500.00

Final dividend of 5%..... 99,660.00 Transfer to depreciation and repairs account 135,000,00 Transfer to insurance fund ... 10,000,00 Carry forward to new account... 13,047.91

\$158,207.91

Excepting Bombay yarn, of which abnormal: quantities accumulated, imports generally were restricted and business throughout the year was dull.

The Prava was handed over by Government in April. The price fixed for such portions as the Company may bereafter acquire is \$3 per foot including an instalment of 15 cents per foot for the whole area (to be paid when the exchange of land is settled). During the year 1,238 feet were thus acquired. The building on K.M.L. 4 referred to in last report is now occupied as offices. Nos. 6/7 godown and new workshops were completed."

The new Ferry pier was completed in April. Guide piles, found necessary by reason of the strong tide, were in course of erection when the typhoon of 18th September swent away some three fourths of the whole pier.

LAUNCHES. The Crane and Curleto were acquired. longkong was lost in the typhoon and wreck

Sixteen wooden lighter (each 100 tons) were

contracted for before the typhoon. The following were acquired immediately after the typhoon:-2 Shanghai steel lighters, 2 Weihaiwei steel lighters, 2 Hongkong wooden lighters, 2 Canton wooden lighters, 5 Moji wooden lighters, aggregating 1,000 ton's and the following contracted for after the typhoon: -37 wooden lighters, each 100 tons, and 6 Kumsing boats.

MACHINERY AND PLANT. A secondhand 5-ton steam crane, and a Diesel oil engine for the workshops, was acquited.

TYPHOON, 18th SEPTEMBER, 1906. Praya,-The sea wall was destroyed for a distance of 250 feet (due to the S. P. Hitchcock pounding it); several coping stones were dislodged; throughout its length the pierre perduc was disturbed; and the concrete surface of the roadway broken up revealing numerous large cavities beneath.

Buildings.—Roofs were partially uplifted at the caves and ridges in all tiled godowns. The tilling at the caves is being replaced by a stronger design with a view to prevent slipping. Doors and shutters were all more or less damaged and have been strengthened. Floors of the older godowns were flooded and will be mised as opportunities permit; meanwhile cargo is being restored on higher dunnage.

.West Point Buildings suffered very slightly. Wharves. -- Nos. 1 and 2 wharves, and 5 small ones werk almost annihilated, whilst No. 3 wharf, the sheers wharf, the new Ferry wharf and a small one were much damaged. No.-3 and sheers wharves have been repaired, (the latter will be enlarged); No. 2 and the small wharves will be rebuilt. This will give 5 berths as against former 6. West Point wharf suffered partial destruction in the great typhoon and still further damage in a later one.

 Launches.—Out of to launches 3 were wrecked and salved. All others damaged. Lighters.—Out of 65 boats 61, were wrecked (mapy full of cargo) and 29 salved. With 2 exceptions (smashed to pieces by the s.s. Petrarch),

those lost were old boats of Chinese type. Railways and Rolling stock.—Some 2,500 vards of track were lost, of which one third has been salved. Machinery, &c .- Six steam cranes and the

dredger barge were lost and salved. The

hopper barge "was totally wrecked and the steam hammer has not yet been found. Summary.—The losses caused by the tybhoon will approximate as follows:-Miscellaneous Totales-Already timated expended expenditure on expendiabour. gratuities.&c.(charged to working a/c\$9,000,00

Costs of repairing assets which were partially Praya.....\$20,000.00 10,248.64 Buildings 25, 00.00 11.701.79 Wharves 21,0000 5,437.35 10,1 15.00 Launches vage 98,0, 1.00 97,652.45

182,000.00 \$191,000.00 138,690.00 Proportionate book value of assets which were totally destroyed:-Wharves # \$90,000.00 0.500.00 Railway, &c. Lighters.

Total amount of loss caused by the typhoon...........\$322,000.00 *The actual value was \$340,000, written Further expenditure, the immediate result of

. New Ferry wharf 30,000 No. 5 wharf..... Yarn wharves (2) Raising floors of godowns 50,000

\$247,000.00 DIRECTORS. M. E. Shellim resigned and his place was taken by Mr. D. M. Nissim whose appointment requires confirmation. · Messrs. E. Goetz and A. G. Wood, retire in rotation, according to the articles of association, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-

election. The directors record, with deep

regret, the death of Mr. C. H. Thompson who,

during the past four years, held a seat on the AUDITORS. Mesars. W. H. POTTH and A. O'D. GOURDIN have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election,

W. J. GRESSON

Chairman. Hongkong, 6th March, 1907.

31st December, 1906. Liabilities. To capital 40,000 fully paid up shares at \$50 \$2,000,000 Less 135 shares not issued 1,993,200,00 To estate of G. Sharp (deceased) mortgage To reserve fund..... 550,000,00 To insura ice fund 30,000,00

BALANCE SHEET.

To Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation 1,096,160.47 To depreciation and repairs ac-To unclaimed dividends To accounts payable To directors' and auditors' fees ... 10,500.00 To final dividend 99,660.00 To profit and loss account balance.

\$4,366.413. Asseis. By value of land and buildings at Kowloon as per last account\$3,062,063,28

Since expended on new buildings ... 108,567.96 2 value of wharves at Kowloon asper · · last account 110,000.00 Since expended on new wharves..... 37,351.03

value of railways and rolling stock at Kowloon as per last account 00,000,00 Since expended on new rails, &c. '... 3,860,000

value of latinches as perlast account 25,000,00 Since expended on new launches ... 32,050.00 Value of lighters as per last account.... 100,000.00

Since expended on. new lighters 207,020 88 307,020.88 Value of machinery and plant as per

last account 90,000.00 Since expended on new machinery, &c. 15,723.19 Value of sheer legs as per last - account .. Value of land and buildings at-

263,143.88 West Point as per last account Sundry debtors ,215,330.13 " H'kong & Shanghai Bank (unclaimed dividends)..... Cash on hand.... Value of coal on hand Value of timber, iron and

stores on hand \$ 4,366,413.55 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Fo interest\$ 70,356.31 To balance appropriated as follows:-Directors' and auditors! fees\$-10,500.00 Final dividend 99,660.00

Transfer to deniecia-· · · tion and repairs account 135,000.00 Transfer to insurance fund 10,000,00

Amount carried to new account 3,047.91

By balance from last account......\$ 20,040.05 By nett earnings for 1905 407,693.17 By unclaimed dividends forfeited ... By transfer fees.....

157.00 By premium on a share sold DEPRECIATION AND REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

To Ordinary, repairs, renewals and improvements during 1906.....\$ 46,157.8 Typhoon repair 130,550.52 \$200,160.86 By Balance from last account:......\$ 65,160.86 Transfer from profit and loss account 135,000.00

\$200,160.86 RESERVE FUND. By Balance from last account\$550,000.00 insurance fund.

\$ 30,000.00 By Balance from last account. 5.20,000.00 " Transfer from profit and loss 10,000.00

EDWARD OSBORNE, THE JAPANESE EARTHQUAKES

INCREASING FREQUENCY BUT DIMINISHED

OF THE PAST THIRTY YEARS.

It appears from investigations made by. Dr. Omori, that the number of shocks of carthquake in each of the years between 1905 was as follows:-

1877 71 1892 73 1878 50 1893 59 With regard to the large number of shocks H.B. WU TING FANG.

A MAN OF MODERN IDEAS.

TOO MODERN FOR HIS OWN PROPER

It has no doubt seemed strange to the many friends of Wu Ting Fang in the United States that in all of the newspaper correspondence that has gone out of China during the last year regarding the proposed constitutional from of government and other reforms, that his name has not been mentioned as one of the leaders in the reform movement. When he was Minister at Washington he was considered a man of modern ideas, and those who know him then would naturally suppose that in such a movement as the reformation of his own Government, Wu would be taking an active part in the work.

The truth is, Wu Ting Fang is down and out, so far as the Government of China is concern-Two things have aided his political downfall. He was too modern for his own people, and he is gifted with the most cynical tongue that was ever placed in the mouth of a Chinese. DISGUSTED AT CLIQUES.

When he returned to China from Washington a little over four years ago 'Wu was made a member of the Wai-Wu-Pu, which, translated, means Board of Foreign Affairs. And he continued to be a member of that body until last summer, when his resignation was accepted and be was given a minor appointment and allowed to depart from Peking: A few weeks age he petitioned to be allowed to resign his new post and retire into private life. He gave as his reason ill health, but those who know the cynical Wu best say that his desire to get out of official life is prompted by disgust over the manner in which the clique that is now in

Before he went to Washington Wu was like thousands of other educated Chinese who know that their Government is far behind the times. but who are willing to sit idle and let her drift along. But his stay in the United States returned to his native soil he got busy. He confreres in the Wai-Wu-Pu in the most amazing manner over the way they were handling China's relations with the outside world. They 'smiled and continued to pursue the even lenor of their way.. •

WU DISLIKES JAPAN. Now Wu has no use for Japan. He is fully alive to the fact that Japan's aggressiveness spells trouble in the near future for China. When Japan was sharpening her sword for Russia in China's interests," it was Wu Ting Fang who wanted the Peking Government to tell the powers that China had not asked Japan to go to war with any one in her behalf. He said that it was all well enough for Japan to use China's interests as a casus belli, but those interests would be forgotten when the guns began to boom. Not that he was particularly friendly toward Russia did Wu take this stand. but he pointed out that so long as Manchuria was already lost to China, she was just as well off with the Bear controlling the destinies of that province as with Japan in charge. The result has proved that the old man, was right. Russia and Japan are both in Manchuria now, and will remain there. In talking with newspaper man at the time he was trying to get his Government to take his advice about the situation, Wu said:.

ILLUSTRATES BY COMPARISON.

"You have seen two dogs fighting over a bone, you never saw the bone fight, back, Well, in this case, China is the bone of contention, and if I can make my people see it, the

bone will fight before the dogs are ready." When it became evident that the war was bound to come, Wu said that the natives of Manchuria would be the only real sufferers and again he was right: That rich country i now all but ruined. The people lost all they had, and in Southern Manchuria the Japanese are pursuing a policy that will, if it is not soon checked, mean their further degradation.

When the treaty of Portsmouth was being negotiated it will be remembered that China asked that a Chinese commissioner be allowed a voice in the hearings. Wu told his people that this was useless; that it was now too, late to save Manchuria for the Chinese and when both Russia and Japan told China very plainly to go away back and sit down. Wu again was

able to say, " I told you so." HIS CYNICISM MAKES TROUBLE.

Wu is a cynic. He knows what his country needs, and he knows equally as well that her so-called statesmen do not intend to supply those needs unless they benefit financially, and he does not hesitate to tell them so. His biting sarcasm has got him into trouble more than once during the last year.

When the Peking Government proposed to send a commission to America and Europe for the purpose of studying foreign systems of government . Wu smiled a smile that meant "There you go, again." But he said nothing until he was asked what he thought of the proposition. He replied that he had no doubt the commissioners would absorb a great deal of useful information regarding the western school of cooking, the proper wines to go with each course of a dinner, and acquire a taste for expensive brands of cigars. but he added: "What they will learn about the forms of government in the various countries they visit will not fill as large a book as the volume that will be required to register what they do not learn.". And as reports came back telling about the entertaining to which the high commissioners were being treated, Wu was unable to bridle his sarcastic tongue. Especially was he cynical when the commissioners cabled for more expense money, as they did from almost every city, they visited. "Chorus girls and old vintages come high," he remarked, "but they all have their proper place in governments."

RECEIVED BY EMPRESS DOWAGER. When the commissioners returned the Empress Dowager received them in audience. They submitted their reports, but very little has ever been given out as to the real contents of those reports, though from time to time the newspaper men in Peking have been given to understand that the high commissioners fearned all about the management of other governments. They probably did, for, as the cynical Wu pointed out, one of the commissioners informed certain mighty officials in Peking that, after an exhaustive study of the British and French forms of government, covering a period of nearly three weeks automobiling in Paris and London, he had learned that there were many things in the British system that could be used in China, and that the French system of government was quite different from that of England.

About this time an edict was issued from the throng informing the Chinese people that they were to have a constitutional form of government when, as Wu put it at the time, they were educated up to a standard; that will denable them to understand that a constitution was not something to eat. About his time he left Pakings of Market Control of the Con

BRAINEST MAN, LECHINA, experienced in the later years, it has to be contributed this article from Chefoo to the later years, it has to be contributed this article from Chefoo to the later years, it has to be contributed this article from Chefoo to the noted that they were mostly of a slight mature. I San Francisco Chronelle, it is safe to may

that 'Wu Ting Fang is the brainlest man in China to-day, and if the Empress Dowager really intended to reform China's present system of government, she would listen to him. But her-dislike for Wu, comes from his fearlessness in telling his sovereign what is necessary in the way.of a general wi house cleaning at Peking before, the reforms with can be begun.

Wu knows his own people as no other Chinese knows thom, and he has their wellare at heart. He has been accused of being anti-x foreign in his attitude toward outsiders, and in: a measure this is true. He says China is one! of the wealthiest nations on earth, and bet natural resources should be developed, but press. ferably by the Chinese themselves. But he always adds that if the Chinese will not build railroads, open the mines and adopt modern methods of agriculture, then the foreigners: should be given the opportunity to do so. This sort of talk has not made him populara with the anti-foreign element that would drive: every white man out of the country. Let the the

Wu takes no stock in the talk of a constituent tion for Chins. He full well realizes that not? one-tenth of one percent of China's 400,000,000 of people ever heard of a constitutional form of government, or for that matter, any other form of government that goes beyond the village. magistrate. He looks upon the plan as chimerical at the present time, and has said so. ' Ha: 6 has pointed out several ways in which reforms with could be instituted, but he is not listened to. WU GUEST OF HONOUR.

Last month a dinner was given by the commercial guilds of the city of Canton, and Wu was the guest'of honour. He made a splendid, speech in which he told his audience that the country was poor and weak because the people... would not improve their ways and adopt more modern ways, especially in trading. "They do: control of the reform movement are handling it. not seem to understand that foreigners are, shrewd and careful," he said, "and look" far into the future, particularly in matters relating to manufacturing industries. They consider not only the matter of home consumption but also of the demands of taught him that this would not do and when he of the foreign markets. They send their manufactured goods abroad and import raw. talked right out in meeting and lectured his materials. In general business affairs, we should pattern after the Americans: We must be energetic and not idle. Although but few of us can go abroad to be educated, we must endeavour to induce students at home to study more modern books, and also with that end in view, we must establish more modern schools and colleges. As regards education the student in America and Europe is not like the student in China. In those countries they do not hope to become officials, but desire to acquire a good general education to enable them to start out for themselves early in life. so that they may become independent and enjoy liberty. As regards constitutional government for China; there must be a more educated people before it can be successfully established. I wish you would all read more newspapers so that you may learn more about foreigners and their methods, and I also hope that you will send your sons and younger, brothers to school at as early an age as possible. Confucian teaching is good, but if any foreign; system proves to be better we must adopt it. FOR OF CERTAIN MISSIONARIES.

Certainly there was not much anti-foreign sentiment in that talk. And so it has been with Wu all the time. He wants to help China and her people, but those in power will not listen to him.

Wu has been a most relentless foe of that class of missionaries who go into business in ... China and use their religion as a cloak to make dollars. His Philadelphia speech delivered in 1898 Jashed this class mercilessly and they have never forgotten it. They have had no small part in the political downfall of Wu.

He is now growing old and is glad that he is no longer in the official class. He frankly admits he is too modern for the China of to day, but says that the time will come when his people' will say that he was right.

SUICIDES IN JAPAN.

INTERESTING STATISTICS

In the course of a recent lecture Mr. Kura, Bunso, a well-known statistician, dwelt on interesting statistics as to the number of suicides. in Japan. He said that the average annual. number of suicides in Japan during the 15 years ended 1905, was 188 to 200 per million. population, which ratio is nearly similar in other countries of the world. It is inevitable. that in all countries the general depression of business should bring in its train a large number of suicides. Formerly the number, of suicides in England was influenced by the abundance or failure of wheat crops, but at present the prosperity or otherwise of foreign trade has begun to have an important relation to suicides. According to the statistics of a few years ago the number of suicides in the ... various countries per million population is as,

l foildws:—. Denmark ... 253 Sweden 119 France...... 218 Bavaria 118 Switzerland,.. 216 . England 80 Prussia 197 Norway66 Japan 179 Holland 58 Austria....... 159 Italy

Belgium 172 Suicides in Japan have now gradually increased, and the ratio has risen to 200. The figures for the last 15 years are as follows :-

Males, Females. 1891 4,600 1893 1894 4,500 1805 1896 4,400 2,800 1897 3,000 1898 8081 1899 5,300 3,200 1901 3,300 1902 3,300 1903 Q'100. 6,200

1905 As shown in the above list, the total number o suicides during the eight years 1891 to 1898. was 16,947 men and 22,863 women; and during the succeeding seven years 42,801 men and 26,647 women. The rate of increase is 142 per cent. in men and to per cent. in women. That heavier rate in respect of the latter is attribute. ed by Mr. Kure to the altered condition of life. of women who have now entered active life in. competition with move and the second

The months in which the largest numeber of suicides generally occur are April to September, especially in May and July. The method of self-destruction resorted to most Ti hanging; drowning being another favourite method of spicide. As to the cause. of suicides, statistics taken of 62,000 male, and 37,000 female suicides showed the following result :-- Mental aberration a nearly .. 30,000 males and 20,000 females; poverty; men; 730 women 27 1 on account of illness, men 60, women 40 ; jealoust, men 40, wamen co ; the pentance of wrong-doing, men, 75, women, 25,3 family trouble, men 30, women 70 ; despeiring. of future hope, men 25, women 45/1 and In the opinion of Mr. Sam B. Triscol, who | pecuniary embarrarsment, men 90; women to.

CHINA AND MANILA S.S. CO., LD.

MEETING OF SHAMEHOLDERS. The twenty-lourth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., was held at the office of the ... General : Managers-Messrs. : Shewan, Tomes and Company-at eleven o'clock, on the 13th inst. Mr. R. Shewan presided. The others present were: Dr. J. W. Noble, Messrs. N. A.

Siebs, H. P. White, A. G. Gordon, R. E. Barretto and G. Moffitt (secretary). The notice convening the meeting was read. The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-The report and accounts were issued to you on 25th

February, and with your permission we will' now take them as read. As I foreshadowed to you at last year's meeting the past year's business does not compare favourably with that of 1905, both cargo and passengers fell off, our gross income being some \$80,000 less than before. By the closest economy we have made up partly for this so that our net profit is only about \$27,000 below last years. After allowing for depreciation and placing \$1,000 to credit of Reserve Fund, as per Articles of Association, there remains sufficient to pay a dividend of \$1.00 per share, absorbing \$26,000, and leave \$365.57 to be carried forward. You will observe that our loan from the Company's bankers was reduced from about \$190,000 to \$133,000, and that interest paid has accordingly come down to \$9,835, as against \$13,189 paid the year before. The sundry debtors and outstanding receipts on 31st December have since nearly all been collected. As regards the present year I can only say that we have not begun it badly, and that at the moment there is a much stronger feeling in the coasting freight market which hope will keep up. Cargo is, however, far from plentiful in this trade nowadays. The number of Chinese shippers on whom we used

boats for first-class passenger traffic, for had we the old type of boat and only Chinese passengers and cargo to depend upon now we should be badly off indeed. will shall be glad to, answer any questions which shareholders would like to put. There were no questions asked. The Chairman proposed the adoption of the

to depend for a great deal of cargo is much

reduced, many of them having closed their firms

in Manila, and ceased to do business there.

The complete alteration that has taken place in

the character of the China and Manila trade

amply justifies the step we took in building

Mr. Gordon seconded. Carried unanimously. Mr. Barretto proposed that Messrs. N. A Siebs, H. P. White, A. V. Apcar and Dr. J. W. Noble be re-elected to the Consulting Com-

Mr. Gordon seconded.

report and accounts.

Carried. Dr. Noble proposed that Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin be re-elected auditors for the coming year. This was seconded by Mr. White, and

carried The Chairman-That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants are ready now.

1HB SOY-CHEE COTTON SPINNING CO., LID.

The twelfth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the above company took place on the 5th inst, at the offices of Messrs, Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Shanghai. Mr. M. Mittag presided. The Secretary, at the request of the Chairman, read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said-Gentlemen, The Report of our Company for the working year 1906 has been in your possession for some time, and, with your kind permission, I will follow the usual procedure and take the accounts as read. You may indeed congratulate yourselves on the excellent result obtained. The working of the mill has been satisfactory all the year round. The mill has worked steadily with no interruption except the usual holidays. As has been our policy during former years, we have again restricted our production to daywork only, as we know from former experience that night-work is both costly and not so profitable as day-work. We have had no labour troubles during the year under review, and the internal departments of the mill, including engine room department, have worked well. The Yarn market during the year has been satisfactory on the whole, There was a great demand for the locally made article during the first part of the year, followed by a lull during the latter half, accentuating itself more since December,'so that we carry at present a stock of some 4,500 Bales which, however, is all sold. The outlook for the luture is not bad, although the margin between prices of cotton and yarn has been somewhat reduced. There may, of course, be lean years for us in store, but on the whole the stay of the industry has been assured. The supply of Cotton during last year has been ample and of satisfactory quality, and, apart from our little troubles with the dealers about the vexed watering question, there has been no ground for complaint. The total net profit of our mill, including the amount brought forward from 1906, shows a sum of Tls. 232,021.52, out of which it is proposed to pay a Dividend of 10 per cent on our share capital, absorbing Tls. 100,000. The usual depreciations, etc., have been provided for, as enumerated in the report in your hands, and an amount of 50,663.40 will be carried forward to 1907 account. As regards the various items in the accounts, there is little to be said indeed. Our Property Account, under the heading Assets, shows an increase of Tis, 5,487,68, representing the purchase-money for two small strips of land on the North side of the Yangtszepoo Road, opposite our mill building and adjoining our other property there. We have acquired this land to round off some small strips bought previously. The Building Account shows an increase of Tis. 8,506 37, representing mainly the balance of the cost of our new manager's residence. The house has been completed during last year and is now occupied by our mill manager. The whole of our machinery is in perfect working order owing to the constant care bestowed on it. Before proceeding to the passing of the Report and Accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that shareholders may wish to put to

There being no questions the resolutions were put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

THE CHINESE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

By command of their Imperial Majestics the Empress Downger and Emperor instructions have been sent to Viceroys and Covernors of provinces that "in dealing with suspects it must be the duty of judges to find our whether the men brought before them are actually guilty of the charges preferred against: them; it is unnecessary to probe into the question whether the accused belong to a revolutionary society or not." On the other hand implicit instructions have been sent to the effect. that: "their . Majesties - expect . Viceroys: and Gavetnors of provinces to abate not:a whit in the search for malcontents and auti-monarchists."-N. C. D. News.

GBO. PENWICK & COMPANY, ZIMITED:

ANNUAL REPORT.

The directors have now to submit to the shareholders a-statement of accounts for the year ending 11st December, 1906;

After writing off the sum of \$3,000.00 for depreciation the net profit for the year amounts to \$21,470.10, to which has to be added the sum of \$8,915.84 brought forward from last year's account. After payment of directors and auditors', fees, it is proposed to pay a dividend of 7 per cent., or \$1.75 per share on the paid up capital of the Company, which will absorb \$18,900.00, leaving a balance of \$10,335.94 to be carried forward to new account.

DIRECTORS. Mr. A. Rodger, according to the articles, retires, but offers himself for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, who offers himself for re-election. A. RODGER.

Chairman.

Hongkong, 8th March, 1907. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE 1: MONTHS ENDING JIST DECEMBER, 1906.

Liabilities, ... Capital, \$450,000.00 viz: 6,000 Old shares of \$25 each\$150,000.00 12,000 New shares of 25

each...... 300,000.00 \$450,000.00 to,800 Shares issued and fully paid up\$270,000 00 Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Loan Account (Secured by Mortgages) 116,335.82 Amount received in advance on

· account of contracts in hand ... 40,800.00 Sundry creditors Profit and loss account 30,385.94 \$539,106.23 Value of land and building at Wanchai and North Point\$300,750.8 Value of machinery, plant, launches and office furniture as per last report.....\$51,T23.14 Additions during the year _ 7,468.39

Written offsordepreciation 3,00.00 Value of stock in trade as per valuer's certificate..... Value of work in progress as pervaluer's certificate...... 60,972.42 Cash on hand..... The Hongkong & Shanghai Bank-· ing Corporation current account 5,372,55 Fixed Deposit 12,000.00

177,21 Interest ... The Chartered Bank of India, A. & C. The National Bank of China, Ltd ... Investments Sundry debtors

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To Cost of labour, material and working expenses \$30,482 64 To Crown rent and taxes To Depreciation To Balance, Profit to be approprinted as follows :-- . Dividend of 7 per cent on

Auditor's fee..... 10,335.00 Balance to new account 10,335.91 30,385.94 \$129,099.60

By Balance of last year's account...\$ 8,91 ς.84 Gross earning 117,436 46 Transfer fees Bonus from Insurance Co....... Interest dividend on investment, 897.05 Debt written off in 1904, recovered

> \$129,009.00 JOHN I. ANDREW. General Manager.

SALE OF LAUNCH "APENRADE.

At 'Oucen's Statue wharf, at noon on the 13th inst., Mr. Geo., P. Lammert, auctioneen, offered by sale by public auction the steam-launch Apenrade. This versel has a teakwood hull, with a length over all of 50 feet, and engines of two cylinder compound system, both hull and engines being recently overhauled. Her speed is eight knots. Bidding went briskly on until the sum of \$1,950 was reached, and that proving the last bid the Ip O firm became the purchasers of the

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLD

launch at that figure.

The monthly competitions for the Robertson Farewell Cup and May Cup were held at the Happy Valley from the 9th to 11th March. 1907. The following cards were handed in:-ROBERTSON FAREWELL CUP.

Lt. H. C. R. Boucher, R.N. 85— ==80 Mr. H. T. Butterwor h ... 90-10-80 Mr. A. Brooke-Smith..... 91- 9-82 Major H. E. Lowis 88- 5-83 Lt. C. C. Walcott, R No ... 91-7-84 Mr. J. Clark 84+ 1=85 (28 entries). MAY CUP.

Mr. G. E. Morrell*......108-27=81 Mr. F. C. Hall.....108-25-83 3 r. T. C. Vernon108-20=83 (9 entries). POOL.

Mr. F. W. Warre 1 86-11-75 Mr. C. P. Chater 87-11-76 Lt. H.C. R. Boucher, R.N. 85-7-78 Mr. T. Garay 90-11-79 Mr. J. 80- 1-79 Major FTB Lowis 88-7-7-34 Lt. C. C. Walcott, R.N. ... 91-9-82 Lt. R. M. Crosso............. 8=93: Salata (35 entries)/Elenatio

Winner of Robertson Farewell Curl. *Winner of May Cup widge of the 1 Winner of Pool

HONGKONG ROPE MANUPAC-TURING CO. LID.

The report for presidetion to the shareholders at the twenty-hird ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the general managers on Saturday, 23rd March, at 12

o'clock noon, is as follows :--Appexed we have the pleasure to lay before shareholders the somual statement of accounts made up to the sist December, 1906. The net profit, including the balance brought forward from last year, amounts to \$108,212.16 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows :-

To place to reserve fund ...\$ 4,000.00 To pay a dividend of \$2,00.

per share...... 103,000.00 To carry forward to the credit of next year's

The result is a little better than that of the previous year, but sales are still restricted by the high price of hempat Manila.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. Mr. D. E. Brown having resigned on leaving the Colony, Mr. D. W. Craddock was invited to take his place; in accordance with the articles of association Mossrs,"A. J. Raymond H. P. White, D. W. Craddock and Dr. J. W. Noble retire, but offer themselves for re-

election. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin, the latter having been asked to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. T. Amold. Messrs, W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin are recommended

for re-election. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th Match, 1907. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT. Consulting Committee's fees Amount written off as depreciation for 1906 Kalance :

Balance brought forward from 1905 \$. 5,813.29 Exchange Investment income management Balance from working account \$126,673.56 " TRALANCE SHEET.

50,000 shares @ \$10 fully paid up ...\$500,000.00 Sundry creditors Investment fluctuation account...... Balance of p. ofit and loss account ... 108,212,16 \$692,357.41

Land, factory, machinery ns per last statement \$221,500.00 Less depreciation 13,380 00 \$208,120.00 Rope, hemp &c. in factory, valued

Rope on consignment, valued at 175,36z.co Fire insurance premis for 1907 1,289.72 Company's Bankers 14,894.48 Cash in hand 2,160.04 Cash at factory 50.00 . 2,310.04 Investment of Reserve Fund: 2,500 shares in the

China -Light & Power Company. Limited. @ \$10 ... 25,000.00 3,800 shares in China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co, Ld. @ \$9} : 35,150,00 533 shares in the Green Island Cement Company, Ld. @ 🦸 \$21 11,193.00

HONGKONG YOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

GOVERNOR'S AND CHATER'S CUPS.

The first competition for the cups presented by His Excellency the Governor and Sir Paul Chater took place at the King's Park Range on Saturday and Sunday last when there were 43 entries. The following are the

highest scores :--A. Blowey..... 56+14=70 J. C. Gow 66 scr. = 66 A. W. J. Watt 62+ 4=66 W. J. J. Gast 50+14=64 J. H. Pidgeon 63 scr. = 63 P. P. J. Wodehouse 55+ 6=61 A. S. Tuxford 53+ 8=61 H. W. Bird 51+ 6=57 D. Gow 47+10=57 E. W. Terrey 42+14=56 W. T. Edwards 40+16=56 L. G. Bird..... 49+ 4=53 W. J. Saunderi'...... 47+ 6=53

The pool competition was won by A. Blowey with a score of 56+14=70.

The competition for the cup presented by the proprietors of the China Mail for shooting at disappearing targets has resulted in a tie between J. H. Fidgeon, A. W. J. Watt and P. P. J. Wodehouse, each having registered 26

CHIHA MAIL CUP.

hits in 4 shoots of q rounds each. The winner will be decided by the three shooting off shot for shot The following as the scores:-J. H. Pidgeon 7 5 6 8-26 A. W. J. Watt 4 7 7. 8=26 P. P. J. Wodehouse 6 10 4 6=26

TRADE MARKS IN CHINA.

On the request of the Lungkungshangpu (Ministry of Agriculture, Works and Commerce) the Waiwapu has sent a copy of the redraited regulations concerning the establishment of Trade Mirks Offices in China to the various foreign ministers for their information and perusil and at the same time their Excellencies, are assured that the, Chinese Government will not issue them until they bave been examined and recognized by the Powers so as to avoid further misunderstandings, ' According to the replies from the Diplomatic Corps, most of the foreign ministers, including Sir John Jordan, do not take a favourable (view of the proposed) regulations, which are said to lack clearness Prince Ching has now sent back the regulations to the before mentioned. Ministry for reconsideration. It is probable ghat several months must clapse before this important question is settled.

THE ANGLO-PRENCH LAND INVESTMENT CO. LTD.

The report of the directors for presentation at the first annual general meeting of the shareholders to be hald to morrow reads : --. The directors have pleasure in placing before the shareholders the report an accounts for the first year of the company. Under the original agreement certain reals were received as from , ecember 7th and thus the shareholders are participating in the

benefit of revenue for 141 months. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is Tis. 138,388.14 which the directors recommend for appropriation as follows:-

Dividend of Taels six per share......Tis, 120,000.00 Carry forward......

The gross rental for 12 months alone amounts to Tls 121,000 which is in excess of the sum stated in the prospectus. The properties have all been kept in good

Tls. 138,388.14

repair and developments and improvements are being made. One large block of Chinese houses on Estate C. is being rebuilt on very favourable terms to the Company. DIRECTORS. Mr. Gilbert Davies retires but being eligible

offers himself for re-election. AUDITORS. Messrs. Lowe & Bingham offer themselves

for re-election. C. R. BURKILL, Chairman.

PIRTICULARS OF HSTATES On 28th February, 1927.

Estate A East-Is situated on Rup du Con sulat, Rue Montauban, Rue Colbert, and Rue lal Guerre, and comprises part of Cadastra Lots Nos. 14 and 15.

Estate A West .- Is situated on Rue Mon 400 00 tauban, Rue du Consulat, and Rue de la Mis-4,000.co | sion, and comprises Cadastral Lots Nos. 35, 36 and part of 32.

Estate A Mission.-Is: situated on East and West sides of Rue Montauban, comprising the remainder of Cadastral Lots 14, 15 and 32, and is occupied by the Roman Catholic Mission of Kiangnan as a Mission, Church, Convent

Estate B -Is situated on the N.W. corner of Rue du Consulat and Rue Montauban, and comprises the whole of Cadastral Lot r. o. 28. Estate C .- Is situated on the S.W. corner of Rue du Consulat and Rue Petit, and comprises, the whole of Cadastral-Lot No. 42. Estate D.-Is situated on Quai de l'Extension, Rue Minklang and Rue Tienchan, and

comprises the whole of Cadastral Lots Nos. 24I and 252. Estate E - Is situated on the N.E. corner of Rue du Consulatiand Rue des Pères and comprises the whole of Cadastral Lots Nos. 169

Estate F .- Is situated on corner of Quai de la Breche and Rue-Hué, and comprises Cadastral Lot No. 134.

Estate G.-Is situated on Rue Sikiang, Rue Hengchan, Rue Hankiang, and Rue Lang Chan, and comprises Cadastral Lots Nos. 690 . 2, 3, 4, 5,

THE LATE MIXED COURT INCIDENT.

In reply to a telegram from H. E. Tang Shao-yi in regard to the dispute between Great Britain and China concerning the Shaughai riots of December 1905, Viceroy Tunn Fang states that he' has instructed the Customs Taotai of Shanghai to proceed to Nanking to consult in person, prior to the opening of negotiations with the British

representative at Shanghai in March or April then proper investigations should also he made | ment from their government and are paid a into the number of Chinese subjects who subsidy for every mile they travel." suffered, so that equal treatment may be accorded to the relatives of the unfortunate ing a cargo of coal to the steamship Suveric sufferers. The Viceroy also takes a different view about the punishment of the former Customs Taotai (H E. Yuan Chu-hsun, now Governor designate of Peking) of Shanghai and. other Chinese officials because they were entirely powerless to deal with the rioters in the foreign settlement. Regarding the punishment as demanded by the British Minister of those ringleaders and others who took part in the disturbances H.E. Tuan adds that, for the sake of preserving peace in Shanghai, the Customs Taotai has been instructed to mele but adequate penalties to all persons who were more or less implicated according to existing Chinese law, as a warning to other evildeers. that the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs is

. It is stated in Chinese official circles here going to despatch Taotai Chu Pao-kuci (lately of the ! hanghai-Woosung Railway and interpreter to H.E. Sheng Kung-pao) Junior Chief Secretary of this Ministry, to assist to negotiate with the British Representative about the final settlement of this matter,

It is said that the question of compensation to the subjects of other Powers will be discussed and settled separately between China and the countries concerned after the termination of the negotiations with the British Government.-N. C. D. News.

A SEEDLESS MANGO.

Day by day new possibilities of our Philippine resources are brought to light. The latest is the possible evolution of a seedless mange. For the information of possible scoffers it should perhaps be stated that the seed less orange was once considered impracticable. The stone of the mange is a confounded

nuisance. Not only does it take up space which might be devoted to the luscious mango pulp, but it makes the eating of that fruit a difficult matter to properly negotiate, Because of it we must either cat the fruit ja puris naturalibus in our bath, or if we est it at the breakfast table it is about as difficult to carve as a chicken. The promised elimination of the stone from the mango will therefore be orange, or the core from the apple.

The tendency to a seedless state is of course. greater in certain classes of plants than in others, according to their powers of spon-Philippine, wizard who can follow in the footful things even than this may be accomplished. (too) to be lured on into the quagmire. The Mitsu Bishi Yard at Nagasaki recently

able to break our awa record, -displie Times, would live within their means.

A COXSWAIN'S HEROISM PRESENTATION BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

At noon on the 12,h just, in the drawing-room of Government House, "His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mathew Nathan, made an interesting presentation to a gallant coxswain for life saving in the harbour, during the sudden squall of the 28th January last. . There were present in the drawing room, to witness the presentation, besides, His Excellency the Governor, Captain Coleman, A.D.C., Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, Private Secretary, Hon. Mr. 1 H. May, Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. W Chatham, Director of Public Works, Mr. A M. G. Fletcher, Clerk of Councils, Mr. E. A Irving, Director of Public Instruction, Hon. Mr. F. J. Badeley, Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mr. J. Dyor Ball, who acted as

interpreter during the proceedings.

Sergeant Gordon, of No. 7 Police Station,

conducted Ng So-tai to a place in the centre of the room. Hon. Mr. Badeley then address. ing His Excellency said that Ng So-tai was the coxswain of the steam lannch Les On, and on 28th January last, during the sudden squall which struck the Colony, seeing a sampan capsize as he was passing near, Ng jumped overboard and rescued a woman and a child from drowning, thus saving their lives at the risk of his own. .. He, the speaker, would therefore ask His Excellency, on behalf of the Belilips Trust 11, to present the medal, which he handed to His Excellency, to Ng So-iai. His Excellency said, taking the medal in his bands, that, following all the disasters, that had touched the Colony, there was still a bright side. After the disaster of September last (Typhoon Day) much good work was done. On the night of the 20th October, when the s.s. Hankow was burning, seeing it two sat pans approached the burning vessel, with the object of saving life and property only to be set on fire themselves. On the 28th- January, quite suddenly just before tiffin time, a squal broke over this Colony, but the number of lives lost were as many as those saved from a watery grave. Man's duty, said. His Excellency, was to save life whenever found in danger, and it was only when a man risked his own life for that of another that Government took notice of the act, and the report made by Sergeant Gordon on the gallant rescue by Ng So-tai had led Government to make representations to the Fund Committee, N So-tai had done his duty well, and it gave him much pleasure to present to him the star which he had carned, and of which the recipient and his descendants should be proud. His Excellency then pinned the star on the left breast of Ng So-tai, who bowed his acknowledgements and thanks, and the proceedings termin-

BOSTON S. S. CO.

TO WITHDRAW FROM ORIENTAL SERVICE.

A Seattle contemporary under date 18th Feb. reports: - Because, it is stated, of lack of proper subsidy encouragement, the Boston Steamship Company's vessels Lyra, -Hyades and Pleiades will be withdrawn permanently from the Oriental run. The steamships Tremont and Shawmut will continue to visit Oriental ports for the present. By the first of June the other three steamships named will be diverted to another run, probably between Seattle and Nome.

Frank Waterhouse, vice-president of the Boston Steamship Company, last night announced that the vessels would be taken from the Oriental run, confirming Boston dispatches to the same effect. "We had not intended to, take the vessels off," said Mr. Waterhouse. "until changes were made in the ship subsidy bill which, we think, will be detrimental to B. E. Tuan is of opinion that, if Sir J. Jordan | business. We are unable to compete with insists on the payment of a monetary indemnity. Japanese lines, which have every encourage-

The sleamship Lyra is at present discharg at the old Arlington dock. The Pleiades is now at Moran's undergoing repairs. Both vessels will make at least one more voyage to the Orient before leaving the run. . I he steamship Hyades was reported as arriving at Victoria from the Orient last night.

THE CHIT SYSTEM.

PROPOSED ABOLITION IN SHANGHAL.

When'we penned a little while ago a leaderette on the subject of being in debt we did not think, writes the Mercury, that two of our principal hotels would at this early date combine to do away with the chit system. ' But so it is. Very little imaginative power is needed to conjure up the circumstances of its first beginning. A small community with nothing but "cash" as a means of exchange, the men all known to each other and to the natives, prosperity such that money was of but little worth; such were the main sponsors of the chit system. Its manifest convenience was certain to continue if once started, and so ithas lasted to the present hour when the small community has grown to half a million, when there, is an ample supply of subsidiary coins, when it is impossible for any one to know all the rest, and when prosperity can at least

be reckoned within reasonable figures and,

some, within no figures at all. When that hap-

pens and chits are still in vogue bad debts ac-

cummulate, and as Goldsmith would say, "men

decay." Such decay is noticeable in the large

amounts visible in all balance sheets except those of the ready money order, debts uncol-At present but two hotels have started on the new crusade. But it is quite certain, that others will follow in time. Some of the native stores have already done so. An old resident was greatly surprised the other day to find that neither his name nor his chit were thought of sufficient weight to allow him to take away an article which he had intended to buy. Such atores may not have quite so large a turn-over more welcome than that of the seed from the as their credit giving competitors, but it is cer-

loss of fi your as Mr. Garcia claims, will be storekespers were to call a meeting and at that chinery and plant for the manufacture of selection especially welcomed by all those who regard meeting decide to establish a cash system. Itic motors and engines, a new branch of busing this "king of tropical fruits" as otherwise fault. We are certain it would work, not only for the ness which is to be started shortly at Kobe, by cas As it is the Philippines are said to pro- good of the company. Three cogineers and several duce the best mangoes which are to be found their customers and everyone concerned, operatives at the Kawasaki Dockyard are to be anywhere in the tropics, so that if the pro- Shroffs would no longer be a necessity, and dispatched to the United States to study the misch discovery come out all right we shall be people, who now overron the constable? construction and working of the Curtis turbing

MR. P. J. MAYBRS. "COMMISSIONER OF CANTON CUSTOMS. DEPARTURE ON FURLOUGH. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, oth March. Mr. F.J. Mayers, Acting Commissioner of the Canton Customs, who, has occupied the post: since 1934, yesterday, under instructions from) the Inspector-General of Customs at Poking. handed over charge to Mr. T. D. Moothead, Acting Deputy Commissioner, who will temporarily assume charge of the office panding the arrival of Mr F. H. King who has been appointed Commissioner for Canton. Mr. Mayers during the term of office, at Canton, was most popular with both the foreign and Chinase community, who regret his departure from this port. He is going on two years' furlough and will leave for Hongkong this evening per s.s. Kinshan. It is reported that the Chipese staff of the Canton Customs has arranged to give a demonstration on the occasion of his departure.

DEPARTURE FROM CANTON 'A LUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.);

Later. This afternoon, Mr. F. J. Mayers, Acting Commissioner of the Canton t ustoms, was accorded one of the heartiest send-offs ever given to a Custom's official." This gentleman who has been in Canton since 1904, is granted two years' leave by the Inspector General, and Ills departure from here for the home country. is deeply regretted by both the foreign and Chinese community, with whom he was most popular, He left by the s.s. Kinskan for Hongkong, and long before the scheduled time for departure from the wharf, both the foreign and Chinese indoor and outdoor staffs of the Customs went on board to wish their, Commissioner bon voyage. An armed guard was furnished by the authorities and lined the wharf under the command of Captain' Lum. whilst the Chinese staff was busily engaged in we

arranging a farewell firing of crackers." Addition Many leading members of the Canton (oreign community, including Mr. L. Bergho'z; Consul-General for the United States in Canton, and the Consul for Germany in Canton, were present to bid farewell to Mr. Mayers. When close to the time for the departure of the steamer the crackers began to be let off; the; fosilade lasted for fully half an hour, meanwhile all the Customs' staff assembled on the whatf and when the cracker firing had ceased. three ringing cheers were given for the Comes missioner, and the staff sang in chorus." For he's a jolly good fellow." The steamer, then moved from the wharf amid cheers and handkerchief, waving, whilst the honoured gentleman slood upon the deck, returning the com-

THE JAPANESE IMPURIAL. : MISSION ...

BIRON YAMAMOTO IN HONGKONG.

Admiral Baron Yamamoto, ex-Minister for the Navy, and suite, who are to accompany Prince Fushimi on the Imperial Mission to London, embarked at Yokohama on Saturday week on board the N.D.L. mail steamer Prinness Alice. The Prinness Alice arrived

in port last Wednesday afternoon. They will join the Prince and his suite at Paris. From Who's Who in Japan we gather the following particulars relating to the career of Admiral Baron Yamamoto :-

Yamamoto, Gombei, Member of Supreme Military Council, Admiral, Baron, (cr. '02), b. Oct. 152 in Satsuma; is one of the pioneer graduates of the Naval Academy, which he left: '77 : promoted to Lieut. '8 : Captain '86' and commanded the Takae, Takachiho, and some others, mis service affoat ended and he was soon transferred to the Naval Office first as Personal Secretary of the Minister: promoted as Director of a Bureau; Vice Minister '95 when he was promoted to Rear-Admral. and Minister from '98 to Jan. '05, having been appointed full dmiral '04. The Admiral is reputed to be'a man of great vigour of mind and, in short, a stateman of like capacity, besides

being an able speaker. We learn from the Japan Chronicle that upon the conclusion of his mission to the British Court, Prince Fushimi will; travel extensively on the Continent. "Admiral Yama-" moto and suite will leave the Prince in London, departing for Japan in June. By about that time the Japanese squadron, consisting of the Taukuba and Chitose, which is about to be sent to America, will be in English waters, but it is not yet certain that Admiral Yamamoto" will return to Japan with the squadron.

DOCKYARDS IN JAPAN.

ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET WORKS.

The extension of the premises of the Kawasaki Dockyard, Kobe, is progressing apaced The construction of a branch steel works on the Hyogo Canal, where over 30,000 tsubo of ground have been purchased, having been nearly completed, operations; will, be commenced towards the end of the present month, Mr. Jackson, an English engineer, has been engaged to superintend the branch; and is? pushing on the work pr. paratory to opening business. The steel used in the construction? of the battleship Satsuma, recently launchedus at Yokosuka, was supplied in part by the Kawasaki Dockyard.

The Imperial Iron Foundry at Wakamatsu is full up with orders from the Government, 63 and cannot accept orders from private indiviging duals or works. The increased importariffed and the advance in the market abroad of steel? have proved disadvantageous to: the #Japanese ship builder and other manufacturers using imported steels; and the Kawasaki Dockyard consequently decided to extend its steel works and manufacture steel plate for shipbuilding and other descriptions of steel for its own use, and it? also to supply steel to the public. The general: meeting of the Dockyard Company in Decement ber last adopted a resolution to manufacture" cappon and other arms, and the necessary pre-14 parations are being pushed forward. Torpedodischarging tubes are already; made at their yard, and have already been fitted to torpedotain that in the long run they will be able to boats built for China and Siam . The yard is und sell them for the very simple reason that | now occupied with a large order for certain in their establishment bad debts are unknown. | works from the Kure Port Admiralty and Mr. 2 What the effect will be on individuals it is | Tsuruda, Naval Arsenal Inspector, has been taneous reproduction by vegetative means, as too early as yet to say. The system has hardly engaged by the Yard since January last too suckers, runners, bulbils, etc. High cultivation been scotched as yet. It certainly is a long superintend the manufacture of arms at the is an important factor in the matter and with a way from being killed. But we hope to see it | yard. Mr. Tsuruda has completed his study gradually make its way until it will be in Europe, where he spent over ten years, and steps of our American Burbank, more wonder- impossible for young men (and maidens is now a recognised expert in his profession;

We have familiar examples: of the value of of debt before they know it. Drinks, purchased the patent rights in the Far East seedless fruits in the banana, breadfruit and cigars, ponies, carriages, finery and all the and Japan of the (English) Parson's turbina pincapple in each of which cases the plants many luxuries of Shanghai life will be appre- engines, The Kawasaki Company sent Drive bave taken to reproducing them; elves by ciated at their true worth when their equival- Saka, an engineer, and Mr. Matsukata Gorpoli suckers. To these, seedless oranges, and still ent in hard coin has to be laid down before to America last year, to purchase the patent more recently seedless limes, have been added, they can be enjoyed, and the effect will be rights of the (American) Curtis turbine engines; while cases of seedless mangosteens are not twofold; a compulsory consideration of the These gentlemen succeeded in acquiring the unknown locally. situation, and a consequent effect on the patent rights for the company, and Mr. Matsus sugines -- Johan Chrysicia.

PROPOSED HOSPITAL'AT CANTON

INITIAL EFFORTS.

Reference was made several months ago, says a correspondent, to a movement of the students and alumni of the University of Pennsylvania, to found a medical school and hospital'in Canton. In January this plan was definitely innached at the first meeting of the newly organized trustees of the new institution. To free it from the fickleness of many mere student enterprises this body of trustees was established, and it comprises some of the best known business men in eastern America. Among them are Messrs. G. W. Pepper, President of the board, S. Houston, Dr. Howard Kelly, and Dr. Chas. Frazier (Dean of Univ. of Pa., medical department). These trustees take upon themselves the responsibility of raising the budget of current expense; all enlargement of the work is to be provided for by special subscription. "At the outstart \$15,000 (gold) was given to enlarge and improve the present out-patient dispensary, which was handed over to the new school, by the Canton Christian College, This medical school in Canton is the work of the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania and is called the "University Medical School in Canton." While organized independently of the Canton Christian College, with an ambulance and the hawker's remains it is however closely affiliated with that institution, and is to be its medical department. Already students have advanced in the Canton. college to the "sophomore" class; so that some are already eligible to the medical courses. Dr. Woods, formerly of the Canton Christian College, and Dr. J. C. McCracken are an earth coolie, and Ng Wong, lukong No. first doctors appointed to the school W. H. Gutelius, D.D.S., bas recently arrived in Canton to establish the dental department of the school. Two other physicians and a pharmacist are to be sent out within four years to take part in the school and hospital work.

UNOFFICIAL CILINA.

In a country where the great mass of the people are politically inarticulate, where, from -temperament and from circumstances they are content to be governed rather than to govern. it is inevitable that more attention should be attracted to the doings of those in authority than to the silent forces at work in the land Hence it is that foreign observers in China are found for the most part to set store on kaleidoscopic changes in the central administration rather than to attempt to discover whether any distinctive spirit of the times is permeating the bulk of the population. The latter of necessity moves slowly, and is a long time in bearing fruit, if ever it will do. In administrative circles on the other hand, there is always the personal element to attract, while the chronicles of the Chinese Court have such a picturesque freshness, abruptness and inconsequence, that their study need never prove dull. At the present Juncture, however, the bewildering perplexity that characterizes the course of events in Peking politics has outlive t the welcome accorded it by the curious, and threatens to disgust those who from love of their subject make a study of Chinese affairs. It is a relief. therefore, to turn from a consideration of the ups and downs of the rival forces of progress and reaction in their struggle for power at the Manchu Court to the normal condition of · things in the Provinces as it appeared recently. to a careful observer well qualified by long experience to gauge the course of events in

In another column we publish the substance of a telegram which has appeared in The Times from the pen of its Peking correspondent, summing up his observations on a tour through : outhern China from Hankdw to Canton via Changsha, Kweilin, Nanning and Lungchow. Not the least striking feature of Dr. Morrison's description is the emphasis he lays on the peace'ul condition of the country through which he passed and the uniformly friendly reception accorded him throughout his fourney. Friendliness on the part of the people towards foreigners is now becoming so general, that it is no longer a matter for surprise; but fresh testimony on the subject is always welcome, and it would be of interest to trace the connexion between this changed attitude and the spread of Western ideas of education. Dr. Morrison's references to the absence of unrest in the districts he visited may be read in conjunction with the statement that the recent trouble in the neighbourhood of Pinghsiang was altogether exaggerated. Unfortunately there is a general weakness throughout China, not confined to Chinese, though they remain the worst offen-'ders, to pass on any and every report without making an attempt to verify it or stopping to consider its antecedent probability or improbability. It one time the movements of a man-of-war, orranged many days beforehand, are interpreted as the outcome of an unexpected summons to meet grave emergencies which are also mainly hypothetical. In the case of the Pinghsiang troubles there, would appear to have been considerable alarm felt locally which lent colour to the reports emanating from the district. The movement of troops from other parts is now shown to have been due to lack of confidence, probably unjustified, in the loyalty of the soldiers on the spot, rather than to their inability to cope with the disturbance. Some of the reports freely circulated abroad, and especially in Japan, magnified the incident into a widespread rebellion, carefully planned and well organized, against the trouble railway trains ran in each direction Indies, Burma and India. Japanese liners four times a day and work at the mines was | have already visited Rangoon, and it is noised carried on uninterruptedly in spite of the abroad that the flag of Dai Nippon will ere absence of the foreign engineers.

attaches to his views on the educational movement. Dr. Morrison is emphatic in his approval of what is being done to promote. Western learning. From time to time we have heard of buildings erected as or converted into schools and school terms started with considerable telat, but within a short period the enthusiasm has died away and the school has ceased to exist in all but the name. In Southtruth of any such generalization. The teachgratifying feature, there is a maked desire on all sides to become ac swing. quainted with the English language. The picture presented is a rosy one, and we should like to believe that it is attaining more and more general application. By such means alone can China rise superior to the machinations of rival parties in high places. With the the position of affairs to-day. How it will all among those on the sampan, and under his of the Y20,000 voted to the Directors at the a people demands with united voice integrity and ability among its officials, its wishes are apt to attain fulfilment. N. C. D. News,

MR. G. C. Valpy, Passed Cadet, who has for sometitime officiated as Assistant District Officer at Klang, has been appointed Assistant Protector of Chinese, Selangor and Negri Sem: bilan in succession to the late Mr. I. S. Mc-

VEGETABLE VENDOR DONE WWW 70 DEATH.

13th March.

FOUR MEN, INCLUDING A LUKONG, ARRESTED.

When news got around yesterday that well-known vegetable vendor at Mongkok had been brutally done to death by a number of men. Yau-ma-ti was aroused to its highest pitch. The excitement was so great for the first few minutes after the news got well into circulation that it was feared something, was going to happen. Crowds of people rushed in every direction hoping to reach the scene of the murder; policemen, blowing their whistles, running up and down the street, added more fuel to the fire of excitement. In Portland Street where a mob had already assembled, the real cause of the confusion became known, Sitting on the road-side, his head bowed, with blood cozing from his mouth was Lo Ching, the hawker, who was known to nearly every housewife at Yau-ma-ti. He was dead, Many stories were given as to the dause of Lo Ching' death, but few are to be believed. Some said it was revenge, while others hipted that the "Triad Society had got back its own," While the matter was being discussed by the crowd. Inspector McHardy, who has recently bean transferred to that district, arrived on the scene were removed to the Yau-mati morgue for examination. At the same time detectives' were sent out to, work on the case. Late in the evening four men were arrested on a charge of alleged manslaughter. They were Un Yeung, a hawker, Un Wai, a street coolie, Chan Chau, 260, of Yau-ma-ti Police Station. The four men sneat the night in cells. This morning all the facts of the case were in the hands of the police. Lo Ching, the decreased, kept a vegetable stall at Mongkok, on the road leading to Kowloon City. Between ten and eleven o'clock yesterday morning one of the men under arrest, reports say the first prisoner, Un Yeung, went up to deceased's stail and asked for an empty basket.

"What do you want it for?" deceased asked. "I want to take some vegetables home in

it?" replied the applicant. "I have only a few of these baskets, which are for my customers, and I cannot let you have one," deceased is reported as having said. The applicant anatched the basket from the stall, but deceased had it out of his hand in a minute. A quarrel followed, which wound up by the applicant and a number of his friends setting on deceased with bamboo poles. Deceased tried to defend himself and on raising his hand to guard his head he received a blow on the side which temporarily laid him out, 'When he saw his assailants making an attempt to escape he got up and pursued them for about 200 yards, into Portland Street, where he collapsed, and died from a suptured spleen before the police arrived. During the cowardly assault, it was alleged that Lukong 260 took a prominent part in the affray.

At the Magistracy, this morning, the four men were arraigned before Mr. F. A. Hazeland to answer the charge. They pleaded "not guilty" and they were ordered to be held in police custody until Tuesday afternoon next, when the charges against them will be heard.

COMMERCIAL WARFARE.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS AROUND AND · ABOUT SINGAPORE.

From a paragraph which originally appeared in the Straits Times announcing the arrival, in Singapore, of Mr. L. D. Holt, brother of Mr. Richard Holt, manager of Meshrs. Alfred Holt and Co., the Times of Malaya has been inspired to print a ve y readable article on commercial warfare in the middle East.

From a shipping return published in Bangok it was learned that German now greatly exceeds British tonnage entering the principal port of Siam. The January entries were: German 22 vessels, 22,125 tons; Norwegian 19, tons 14,579; British 7, tons 5,346; Dutch 3, German vessels entering, the port consist of coasters plying between Hongkong, Swatow, Hoihow (in Hainan island) Singapore and

Bangkok. Until quite-recently as the result of buying out the British, "SO" Holt lines, the Germans had almost the whole of the trade between Hongkong and Bangkok, and Singapore and chants hailing from the land of the Rising Sun have taken co .siderable interest in the commercial affairs of King Chulalongkorn's dominions, and chartering, about a year ago, some Norweto what was regarded as practically an ir- her propeller dragging on the surface of the reducible minimum.

· EXTENSIVE JAPANESE ENTERPRISE. I ust what the upshot of the 'war of rates' was we do not know, but it appears pretty evident that the Japanese did not go into the business without full knowledge of the nature of the opposition to: he faced, and, further, that the debut of their vessels in ports are twisted into all sorts of odd shapes, Siamese waters was only the first step in a very extensive enterprise embracing practilong be considerably in evidence at Batavia Of the other subjects touched upon by the and other Dutch ports, while quite recently it correspondent of The Times special interest was stated in Indian papers that Japanese steamers engaged in trade with Europe will make Madras a post of call.

KEEN STRUGGLE FOR SUPREMACY. After noting the arrival of Mr. Holt, our

contemporary proceeds:-With Japanese and German lines, buth of them somewhat heavily subsidised by their respective governments, entering into competition with British companies in fields that Manila-due to leave Kobe at noon to-dayemiChina Dr. Morrison refuses to admit the not very long ago were regarded as British, was in port at Moji some of her passengers preserves, it is manifest that, barring the had an adventure while proceeding to the ing, be allows, leaves much to be desired, formation of a new, 'ring' or the widening of but the education I spirit is abroad through the Eastern Con'erence's sphere of influence, tween the vessel and land they noticed a out the land; books are in circulation, and the time is nigh when a very keen struggle for supremacy in Eastern mas will be in full

> ter steamers, speedier mail services, larger pan. She was almost unconscious, and would subsidies, better accommodation for passengers | undoubtedly have succumbed had shek reand the incidence of foreign flags, in ever- mained, longer, in the water. Dr. Feildey, increasing numbers, in British-India waters is ship's surgeon on the Manila, happened to be be good times is store for one or other of the i the unfortunate woman was so far restored that shippers and passengers as well.

shipowher as Mr. Holt has arrived on the scene, the kindness and attention of the Rugilsh gent. The paragraph of Association, paragraph of Associati in the Middle Rast, and that signs are happily tlemen, who were perfect strangers to Japan, seads 174 No. Director, shall you in sespect of admits his indebtedness, proclaims his inability alive to the necessity of moving with the times. I people

THE BURNING OF THE "NBTHERTON."

RAVAGED BY FIRE.

On Wednesday morning, reports the Singapore Free Press of 1st inst. the steamer Netherton, which wat partially destroyed by fire whilst lying at Polan Sembilan, arrived here in tow of the Tanjong Pager salvage tup Morcury and late in the evening was borthed at the cattle wharf at Keppel Harbour, 4

On the ship our representative was courte ously received and the following story of the outbreak was gathered. The Netherton arrived at Pulau Sembilan on Jan. 7 and at once set to work to unload a cargo of 14,000 cases of benzine. The unloading commenced from the forward, or No. 1, hold. The work progressed safelytill 11 am, when the conients of the hold blew up with a terrible sound and immediately a sheet of flame, which topped the masthead roared out of the hold. Eleven men, all natives, were working in this hold and not a vestige of their remains has been found. Immediately on the explosion the native crew fled ashore, this being easily accomplished as the Netherton was lying alongside the wharf. Pfalising the grave danger and the futility of staying on the ship, Captain Greenlees ordered his Kuropean hands to quit the vessel and followed himself. Barely had the ship been left when the No. 2 hold blew up with a roar, and then the whole forward part of the ship was a mass of red flame which gushed up into the sky far beyond the top of the tapering foremast; As the benzine drums burst and their contents poured out the ship seemed to be literally spouting fire, for the flames streamed out of every porthole and in this manner the Netherton burned away | Press-was as follows :- "The cross profit on for three days. .

THE CHIEF OFFICER'S HEROISM. When Captain Greenlees mustered his men ashore he found that one of the European crew. a German, was missing. Inquiries amongst the rest of the men elicited that the German was lest seen asjeep in the folcole. As this had not yet been reached by the flames, Mr. Rennie, the chief officer of the Netherton, gallahtly volunteered to go back to the burning ship and try to save the man. Despite the fact that the after part of the ship contained over 6,000 drums of benzine which had not yet been touched by the fire but which might go up any moment, the chief officer boarded the Netherton by one of the bow mooning ropes. He then rushed through the smoke and fumes of the blazing spirit into the fo'csie. Here he found the man he had come to save sleeping as peacefully as a child, all unconscious of the flames raging not half a score yards away. flow the sleeper came to sleep through both explosions is marvellous and when Mr. Rennie wakened him, his agitation was very great at finding himself cut off from the shore by a sheet of fire. Mr. Rennie, however, allayed his fears by showing him the way to escape over the bows.

AN AWESOME SIGHT. The Netherton was left burning alongside till six o'clock on the evening of the day of the outbreak and then at this hour the mooring ropes were cut and she was towed out into the stream and anchored. That night the scene of the helpless ship blazing away and the dull roar of the flames was a grand and fearful one. Benzine burns with a brownish, red flame and this, lighting up the surrounding water, gave her the appearance of a ship floating on a sea of blood. All night long the drams could be heard bursting amidst the sullen roar of the flames and towards morning the ship's sides and steel foremast grew white hot from the great heat and the water alongside began to bubble and boil. The next day the sheet of fire seemed to' have gained in volume and those on shore saw the steel mast slowly begin to bend over like a melting wax candle slowly it dropped till it lay doubled, upon the deck. Then the steel of the deck the vessels sides buckled inwards, the bridge and all the winches etc. vanishing into the heart of the flames. The collapse of the vessel's sides gave her the appearance of having burned to the water's edge forward of the engine room. On the tons 1,748: French 2 tons 752. Most of the | third day the fire began to abate as the spirit got exhausted, and the sis, Besitang then went alongside and pumped water into the bunkers in

which were on fire. HALF A SHIP LEFT. In the vessel's after holds there were nearly 7.coo more drums of the inflammable spirit bu by a miracle these did not get alight, the fire stopping just outside the room, the vessel be-Bangkok, in their own hands, says our Ipoh | it g actually completely destroyed up to 180 ft. contemporary; but since the conclusion of the of her length and the rest quite undamaged Russo-Japanese war some enterprising mer- This extraordinary state of affairs can only be realised by visit to the ship. The Mercury got to Pulau Sembilan on Wednesday, the 20th and the next day the Netherton's abchor was sot up. The winch is scrap iron and the gian steamers, made a strong bid for a share of the heavy anchor was lifted by hand. The task good things. The Germans promptly dropped | took fifty coolies five hours and could have their rates, only to find the Japanese fully pre- been done in five minutes with a steam winch pared to "go one better," with the result that | The ship was down by the head and on the freights and passenger fares were soon down tow to singapore she steered wildly owing to

> water. NOTHING BUT SCRAP IRON. I coking forward from amidships the vessel looks like a wreck got up from the bottom o the sea and only fit for the scrap heap. The steel decks and sides have in places melted into a mass of metal and the iron deck sup-

THE ORIGIN OF THE OUTBREAK. The origin of the outbreak has not been de-Government, whereas in the very heart of the | cally the whole of the Straits, the Netherlands | finitely ascertained, but it is believed that the benzine took fire from a spark from two pieces of metal accidently striking together. The damage will cost about £30,000 to repair.

The ship's cook is amongst those missing and it is believed he jumped overboard after the first explosion and was drowned.

TIMELY RESCUS FROM DROWNING.

JAPANESE WOMAN SAVED BY POREIGNERS.

The Japan Chronicle of 5th inst, reports :--

share by sampan. When about midway be-. Ispanese woman, in a drawning condition, struggling against the strong current; of the Straits, With great promptitude two of the gentlemen . The old order of thirty is disappearing; bet- succeeded in lifting the woman into the same

not wanting that John Bull is alert and fully will doubtless not be easily forgotten my the any contract or matter in which he is individed the maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten which he is individed the maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten which he is individed the maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten and takes his maintenance of the open doubtless not be easily forgotten. dually interested etherwise than as a member." I own life . To do otherwise would being to him ! Went

THE NAGASARI HOTEL ANNUAL MEETING

The third annual general meeting of the Nagasaki Hotel Co., Ltd., took place at the liotel last week. Mr. Frederick Ringer, the chairman, proposed that the report and accounts as printed be passed. He did not think, he said, that there was anything in them calling for special mention or comment from him. Although there was a fair balance at credit profit and loss the directors regretted that was not sufficient to enable them to declare dividend-there having been, moreover, ar understanding at the last meeting that the profit of the year should be put to Reserve Fund. The work for the last six months of the year, he was sorry to say, was very unsatisfactory, t fact attributable to the great decrease in the number of travellers since the disaster at San Francisco, Nor could it be said, so far as Nagasaki was concerned, that the present year had opened any more auspiciously, though it was to be imagined that travel would increase gradually. There had come news from San Francisco that people were beginning to flock to Japan, but it was of course a question whether they would come as far south as Nagasaki. Another circumstance operating against the hotel was the improvement in the steamship service to Vladivostok. Whereas in former, days it was necessary that passengers to that port should wait at Nagasaki from seven to fourteen days for a steamer, vessels now came in the morning and left in the afternoon. The property of the company the chairman added, remained in a very satisfactory condition, but of course required that a certain sum of money should be spent on it. Fork Sun. each year. The report-states the Nagasaki working account amounts to Y13,300,65, which after deducting all charges leaves a net profit of Y8,877, which the directors propose, to deal with as follows :- To write off building, Y3;015.40; electric light plant, Y1,792.13; furniture, Y1,221.21; carry forward to next account, Y2,848.26.

Mr. E. A. Measor resigned his seat on the Board on leaving the port. Mr. P. J. Buckland was invited to accept the vacancy, which appointment requires confirmation at the meeting should this meet with approval. Mr. Buckland retired and offers himself for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. M. Woods As Mr. Wood is leaving port the Directors have pleasure in recommending Mr. Thomas Campbell Robertson as Auditor for

The resolution as to passing of the report and accounts was seconded by Mr. W. R McCallum, and was carried unanimously.

THE KIRIN BREWERY CO.

A SHAREHOLDER'S PROTEST. Mr. H. J. Snow, writing to the Yokohama papers, says :- "May I ask you to publish the rest of my speech (enclosed) which I consider I was unwarrantably prevented from completing at the recent meeting of the Japan drewery Co., as it may interest that very large body of shareholders whom I know to be in sympathy with the opposition, but who, for various reasons, have not taken any part in the movement against the action of the Directors. may add that I am doing this at the request of a number of people who are interested in this

The following is the enclosure above

referred to:-"In view of the fact, that it is proposed in these resolutions to pay 22 per cent. on the able merchants of China should receive the net cash available for return to the shareholders. for 1906; It appears there is a considerable wrong from a commercial point of view, but which affects this cash available for return to | good will to men. shareholders, about which nothing was said in decks began to fall in and with the collapse presented to the members, as it should have cents an hour. I can assure you that the What trade there was flowed through other

counts, but were, to say the least, incomplete, other nationality, including the American. He | churian market. The last state of Manchurian and calculated to mislead the ordinary share- learns the value of his labour as readily as the trade, so far as the majority of merchants was holder.

them in the report?

arrived at, owing to various circumstances, is thing else he will have accomplished a lot to be within appreciable distance. It is no excuse at all. There is no reason why a toward fulfilling God's purpose in creating and true that the internal government of the sum sufficient to cover the estimated expense, preserving him. should not have been put to a Suspense Account; then the shareholders would have had no fault whatever to find with the sale of the against the way the Directors have gone about this business of proposing; to divert to themselves large sums of the shareholders' money, to. It is most objectionable, and although we maintained it," may not succeed just now in remedying the evil, we reserve to ourselves the right to take | credit the belief that the Chinese empire had a | tion the war brought in its train have to be" legal action to recover what we consider we population of 450,000,000. There were no dispersed or captured, and, even if the antihave been illegally deprived of.

to shareholders, is whether all the new shares, issued in December, were taken up, and if not, what sum is likely to accrue to the benefit to

matter which is in a way connected with the exhibited his wound with a show of pride and of Manchuria by the Russian and Japanese passing of these resolutions, and that is the had declared that he had received it at the troops no less than fifteen cities are to be Y20,000 for the directors.

"Now, as Managing Director, does the does he also participate in the bonus to emand other emoluments attached to the position, but part of this bonus to Directors, part of the Liquidator.

"Is not that altogether too much? portion to the services rendered. No outside investigation was made and all the funds were present Dynasty in order. be voted to the Directors; no one could be got trial and stringent punishment, irrespective of thon of the Manchurian administration show On Thursday last while P. & O. steamship to second it, outside the Board; it had to be done by a Director. This proposed bonus was i in America, too. known beforehand by the Board of Directors, who were prepared to carry it through. I am sure that had it been known to the shareholders generally, there would have been a to fructify it. The empire was a vast graveyard. possession of the Rastern provinces. The

> strong opposition shown. as to the way in which this bonus was voted. Articles of Association.

. "I therefore propose that in view of the fact. gradual absorption of Western education will end, or what the near future will reveal, it is directions, with the assistance of Mr. Race, the general meeting held on Wednesday, February an element of human excellence unsurpassed be acquired a more practical appreciation of difficult and indeed well-nigh impossible to woman was landed in safety. Dr. Felldey im- 13th, affecting the amount on which the Liqui- anywhere on the face of the earth. Chinese Western morality in political affairs, and, when foretell at this writing. But if it be true that mediately applied the Sylvester system of arti- dator will receive the 2} per cent mentioned business affairs are characterized by great peropposition is the life of trade, then there should ficial respiration, with the gratifying result that, in Resolution No. 5 now before this, meeting, some integrity. They do not give and take more abused than this, or more generally missing I move that that sum of \$20,000 be struck out | notes for indebtedness. The verbal promise to | understood; but no umbrage will be taken if great shipping concerns mentioned, and for she was enabled with assistance to get to her and the vote declared pull and void, it not pay is all sufficient, and all debts are settled home. The astonishment of the crowd of having been passed in accordance with the law, on the Chinese new year. It is especially satisfactory, therefore, to Japanese who witnessed the resuscitation was nor in accordance with the Company's Articles

THE GERMAN MAIL

SAFE ARRIVAL-IN HONGKONG. Meisrs. Melchers & Co. write up at 1 p.m.

on the rath insta-

"We are in receipt of the following telegram from Shanghai, dated March 13th, 11-25 n.m.;s.s. Prinzeis Alice, (sailed on Saturday 3 p.m. | the encroachments of the Western world. To from Shanghai) all well on Monday morning during a fog at Steep. Island (112 miles from

Shanghai). [Since receiving the above the Prinsess Alice has arrived in port.—Ed., H.K.T.]

GREAT FUIURE FUR CHINA.

LET HIM DIG THE CANAL.

LAUDS THE CHINAMAN AS THE ACME OF HUMAN EXCELLENCE.

Kit Fue Shah, Chinese Consul at New York, wearing the plain clothes of occidental civilization and with a half enraptured expression: on his face, listened for more than half an hour last month to a panegyric of his people; by Col. H. O. S. Heistand, who was Chief of Staff and Adjutant-General of the American expedition to China to assist in suppressing the Boxer uprising in 1900. Col. Heistand spoke in the meeting room of the Officers' Club on Governors Island before an audience of distinguished military 'men,' active and retired members of the Military Service Institution, says the New

He said his experience in China was no limited to his year's official duty during the American occupation, and that he had made a careful, study of the people. He praised the American soldiers in China and said that their conduct made him proud of his country. They were popular with the soldiers of other nationalities, and one of the chief reasons, apparently, was that they received about four times as much pay as the foreign men in the ranks. If it had not been for the cupidity of other

nations Japan herself might have accomplished all that the soldiers of the eight nationalities had finally done. China might have been partitioned between the Powers if it had not been for the states-

manship of President McKinley and Secretary State John Hay. For the services of America on this occasion China had shown herself supremely grateful. The relations, diplomatic and commercial, had been very cordial after the war. It was a pity that the goodwill that had come to America had been sacrificed by our unfortunate exclusion laws.

Col. Heistad said he regretted that minority of the citizens of the United States, who had obtained their citizenship chiefly by naturalization, had been enabled to undo the work accomplished through the military occupation. He referred to the Chinese Exclusion Act, which he called a commercial blunder. He said he had no wish to reflect on our national legislators, but he hoped that they would amend the objectionable law, which might deprive us of gigantic commercial dealings in the future with a people that was going to be among the greatest on the earth.

He hoped that Chinese immigrants would be treated just as other immigrants were treated. The undesirable should be excluded and the desirable admitted. All discrimination under the immigration laws should be removed. The educated gentlemen and honoursame treatment as the same class of people it is necessary for me to refer to the accounts from Europe. Their exclusion was not only

game of nations with the ablest diplomats. Let | Governments. "The excuse that the exact sum could not be him dig the canal and if he never does any. Now, however, a revival of trade seems

with or without exclusion laws, than we have country, and that the military administrasome idea as to how things stood. We have from irresp maible and unprincipled agitators tion has not yet been succeeded by satisfactory among us who endeavour to divide the American | civil control. The lask that China has before Brewery, but we do most emphatically protest people into classes, to inspire and foster dis. her will be no light one. The concentration content and viciousness, to arraign class of the three provinces under one administration against class, to strike a blow at our material will require a reorganization of the Government prosperity by arousing prejudice against those from top to bottom. Customs houses have to which they have not earned and have no right | whose energy and ability have created and be established on the Korean and Russian

siege of Pekin. -

divided pro rate among the depositors. Speedy the class of the offender, would be a good thing that the officials at the capital are fully alive to

One reason for the fertility of the soil of China, which had been under cultivation for many centuries, was the use of the bodies of the dead much larger attendance at the meeting and Bodies were not buried, but laid on the surface. and covered and recovered with turf until they "Legal advice has been taken on the point, mingled with the earth, America might take homogeneity in administration, and give the example of China and instead of throwing its and we are advised that it is contrary to the offel into the sea and wasting it might enrich a | the trials it has under, one. It is easy to underlaw and also a contravention of the Company's | soil that was becoming in some places much impoverished.

In the way of culogy Col. Heistand said .

If for some reason an individual cannot meet

and his family such an expression of adverse sentiment and public indignation that they could find in the whole empire no peacefu asylum: There is soldom any plunging in the Chinese commercial world, and when there generally makes business for the undertaker, The Chinese are a lawabiding and penceful people, who dwell in contemplation of a favourite motto, ".1f right is right what's the use of "Incoming steamers report having passed might?" They have never been able to resist add to resentment due to the opium outrage different governments have upon one pretext or another seized China's best harbours and most valuable seaboard until the empire finds itself with scarcely a doorway to the sea that is not dominated by a foreign Power. No.

There are those who see in the awakening of China what they call The Yellow Periland The only peril I see is the peril of the highwayman, when caught with his plunder; the peril of the bully when the spirit of the gentle aroused; the peril of laziness in competition with industry; the peril of knavery surrounded by probity; the peril of a lie when assailed; by the truth; the peril of "a. labour trust: when put" in fair and open competition.

Let mankind and the nations of the earth. disclaim them all and they will cease to see yellow. What I see in the awakening of China is to release her from the bondage of superstition, quicken her latent forces and make her resources and her virtues the heritage of the world and from a commingling of the two civilizations, the creation of a higher and loftier civilization, incorporating the best features, of both for the betterment of all God's children. and the uplifting of the human race without prejudice to colour or country, y ...

Col. Heistand said that there was no mistake about Chinese progress; both in commercialism and militarism, and the nation-that attacked China under the impression that she now lacked 'patriotism would make the "deadliest and costliest mistake of its career." In concluding, the lecturer said:

I hope you may all see and know China and the Chinese as I saw and learned to know them and that we may establish and maintain such relations with them and the rest of the world. that we will see the Stars and Stripes go further and further to the uttermost parts of the earth in peaceful and commercial triumph everywhere and forever to be loved and revered as the symbol of humanity and mercy and respected as the emblem of national integrity and justice.

MANCHURIAN ADMINISTRATION.

The Government programme for the re-or-" ganization of Manchuria as detailed by our Peking correspondent in a letter we published recently is somewhat ambitious, says the N. C. D. News. The fourteen articles of which it is composed include provision for most of the demands made by the Powers interested in Manchurian trade since the signing of the Treaty of Portsmouth. The time within which Russia and Japan are to withdraw their troops is fast drawing to a close. In another two months China will again be the nominal ruler of the province, the fate of which has been responsible for so much bloodshed and the expenditure of so many millions of pounds. The home of the ruling house is once more to be controlled from Peking, and the dislocation of trade which followed the Russian occupation, the disastrons war, and the post-bellum administration, promises shortly to become a memory of the past, Manchuria under Russian administration, with the many exclusive opportunities its possession. afforded to the subjects of the Tsar for the promotion of their trade, was to all intents sum to be paid out for buildings and machinery | was against the doctrine of peace on earth and | and purposes useless as an international; mart. And those who expected a speedy "We have heard and read," the lecturer said, revival of trade after the termination of the report, nor does it appear in the accounts of a good deal about Chinese labour at nine hostilities were doomed to disappointment. done, it being a liability on the old Company. | Chinaman is not more anxious to work for channels than Newchwang, which had so long "The accounts were therefore not true ac. | nine cents an hour than is the workman of any | been regarded as the entrepot of the Manbest of them. All he wants is a fair show and concerned, seemed worse than the first, and the "I would like to ask why these liabilities, he will take his chance in competition with the dissatisfaction and disappointment found exwere not put into the accounts? And I would world, whether it is digging the Panama Canal | pression in a series of petitions and appeals to also like to ask why no mention was made of a shovelful at a time or playing the greatest | the Ministers at Peking and even to Home.

three Eastern provinces is still more or "We have less to fear from the Chinese, less chaotic, that armed bands infest the frontiers; the Hunghutzes who have taken Col. Heistand said he was inclined to dis- advantage of the devastation and disorganizastatistics on the subjects and no surface quated policy of enlisting the leader of "Another question which I desire to ask evidence of the correctness of the estimate. | these outlaws in the Government service is also, as affecting the amount to be distributed. He had a p.or opinion of some missionaries, resorted to; strong forces of police and and said he doubted if any adult Chinaman troops will be necessary to ensure permanent ever had been converted to Christianity. Some order. These are but a few of the responsiof the missionaries had been guilty of looting bilities China will undertake on assumthe Company through those shares not being in the period of occupation. One had been ing control of the territory of which she has caught in the act by an American sentry and so long been denied the active administra-"Then there is another and more serious shot in the arm. Later this missionary had tion. As soon as possible after the evacuation opened to foreign residence and trade, under . The Chinese were more democratic than the provisions of the China-Japan Treaty of Chairman participate in that bonus? And was generally supposed. The will of the December, 905. Thus unequalled opportunipeople was potent under what was | merely | ties for developing the trade of the country, will ployes? If so he receives not only his salary | theoretical absolutism. There were some | be placed at the disposal of foreign merchants. features of Chinese civilization that might There are s ill some questions at issue between." be imitated in other countries. For in- the Russian and Chinese Governments, and bonus to employes, and the 21 per cent as stance, the Chinese family paid the doctor these, it is hoped, will be finally dispused of by a only when all in the family were well. The conference between Il. E. Tang Shap-yi and moment any one became ill the doctor's salary M. Pokotiloff this month. Subject to a satis-"This bonus is objected to in the first place stopped, continuing when the patient recovered. factory conclusion of these negotiations there as being illegally voied, and in the next as be- If a Chinese bank failed the heads of the pre- appears to be nothing to prevent China from ing altogether too much, and out of all pro- sident and director were out off and then an proceeding peacefully to set the home of her

The measures proposed for the reorganizathe necessities of the situation, and it is to be hoped that a programme which will meet with; such general approval will not be relegated to background as soon as China formally enters consolidation of the three provinces under one Viceroy should make for greater efficiency and territory a better chance of recuperating from stand the feeling in native circles that China will only be the nominal ruler of Manchuria! and that she will find herself handicapped by the complications that must inevitably arise if either of the late belligerents, continues to regard portion of the new Vicerovalty as its "sphere of influence." No phrase has been the term implies in Manchuria nothing more than it does in the Yangtre Valley In the British sphere of leftuence there is no sope a gestion of monopoly, and the phrase might for all, exclusive privileges for mone, and the

ATTEMPTED INVASION OF HUNGKONG.

SOME MARINERS EXPERIENCE.

Shipmasters entering Hongkong harbour vesterday had a novel experience in being "held up" as if they were pirates of the Terrible Turk type. One or two of them, whose consciences were far from clear, went on their knees and howled through megaphones their abject apologies. The bolder mariners of the bring returned what they considered impudence with undiluted sea slang. They had forgotten that the annual manœuvies were being carried out. When the (alleged) Royal Mai, stehmer Hol Ning entered the Lycemoon Pass shortly after three o'clock yesterday after. poon, she was making top speed a rate that churned the water into red hat spray and sent the passengers wild with excitement. She was late and the skipper was determined that the mail bags from the port of Sai-ya-chun should be delivered in time to catch the express train from Kowloon to Canton. A grim, piratical-looking craft the Hol Ning, with Captain Kettle striding the one and only bridge, throwing objurgations to the chief and second engineers, and promising future rewards of great violence to the two men and a boy who kept falling over the steam winch. An insignificant cutter lay in the offing flying avariety of flags, apparently of all nations, Kettle had a swift notion to hoist the cook's bandans, and the patent quilt which had absorbed a variety of coloured emulsions. He refrained, which was evidence of profound wisdom. cutter came up hand over hand. Kettle pray ed for a log, but only a haze was the result, and despite all the eff ris of the good ship Ho. Ning the rakish cutter drew alongside. burly figure held up a megaphone and yelled "What's your name?" The gallant captain. remembering his previous exploits replied is four languages and a half, the half being the supreme effort of the performance. Hastily menacing an inquisitive passenger with a crowbar, he commanded his alleged megaphone to be brought from his ca-Quickly patting it to his lips, he made a speech which was the acme of high art, including such terms as "hydrophaclus" which is Greek for something or other, "anabamba spinal meningitis" or words to that "Hoist your ensign" ordered the decorated cutter. "Oh, indeed, but it's gone to the wash." "Hoist that ensign," yelled the megaphone. "Nothing doing" cried Kettle, when he suddenly recognised the man in the cutter. It was a representative from the Harbour Office. The situation was explained The enemy was around, "How many pa's sengers have you got? Captain Kettle though and made aguess right away. "Go slow through the pass, and then full speed." The warrier on the mail boat rang 'Full speed ahead" and the natty vessel went along at'a tremendous rate, so fast indeed that Hongkong was reached only a few-hours later. It seems that the defenders of Hongkong were endeavour ing to find out whether, they could close the port to suspicious vessels in times of war The fog foiled them, and undoubtedly severa vessels cluded the sicuths who hid behind Lycemoon Pass on the one side and Green Island on the other. It was an extremely bad night for anything like accurate observa There was a drizzling rain, a strong. chilly breeze and at times a dense fog. What the result of the manœuvres was remains to the approved at to-morrow's -- council-of-war. But those who contemplated joining the invading fleet took a hasty notion to the contrary after a look at the bleak waters. One could only feel regret for the soldiers who had climbed the hills or were climbing over boulders in a grand effort to frustrate the designs of the nefarious enemy. The operations began about to p.m. and ended at eight o'clock this mo'ning. On the whole it is hardly likely that taking the part of the complainant, and some Hongkong was captured; most people, comfortably in bed, did not care whether it was

JAPAN SUGAR MUNUPOLY. PROPOSED NEW TAXATION.

captured or not:

A Tokyo dispatch to the Osaka Mainichi states that it is generally admitted that the existing Salt Monopoly is an unsatisfactory. measure and this view is also shared by the Government authorities but they cannot openly confess the fact at the present moment, while the monopoly is still in force. At a recent meeting of a committee in the House of Representatives on the Salt Monopoly Abolition Bill. Mr. Sakurai, Director of the Revenue Bureau, explained that the Monopoly was not a bad policy, as alleged, nor had it proved a failure financially. The saka journal remarks that the explanation of Mr. Sakurai was merely a defence against the public condemnation of the her the lukong came nearer her.

The same paper learns from a source which is said to be authoritative, that the Goverment is resolved to discontinue the Salt Monopoly from April next year. Our Osaka contemporary points out that the revenue from the Salt Monopoly for 1905 was estimated at Y19,900,000: for last year at Y26,270,000, and for this year at Y27,670,000, and it is necessary for the Government to find a new source of revenue to make good the deficit, which will be caused by the withdrawal of the monopoly. It appears that the Government contemplates substituting a sugar monopoly for the salt monopoly. The revenue from the Sugar Consumption Tax, continues the Main'ch!, for 1906 was estimated at Y16,750,000, but the result of investigations made by the authorities shows that by a sugar monopoly a revenue of at least Y37,000,000 can assuredly be obtained-more than enough to make good any deficit resulting from the discontinuation of the Salt Monopoly.

Itseems strange that the Government hesitates to propose the substitution of a sugar monopoly during the present session of the Dict . rit is explained that the labours of the Tuxation Investigation Committee have made much progress, and the reform of some taxes is already formulated, but the completion of the work involves the total abolition of some taxes, the amendment of others, and the adoption of new taxes, which forms the most important question. Under the circumstances it is utterly impossible for the Government to effect the abolition or reform of any one tax independently before the completion of the work of the committee. On the conclusion of the present session of the Diet, the investigations of the committee will be pushed on, and the proposed reforms of taxation will be submitted to the Diet at the next session in a body, and come into force from April of next year.- Japan Chronicle.

ORIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE CALENDAR.

The March Criminal Sessions will open at the Supreme Court on Monday next, the 18th insta his Honour the Chief Justice presiding. Among, the cases to be tried are the follow-

Lo Wai, for cutting and wounding, with intent to do grievous bodily harm. To Im, affur Ah Sam, and another; for forgery. Fim Young, for larceny.

"WOLF"-AND THERE WAS NO WOLF.

AND THE CALLER SUFFERS.

14th init. On the occasion of the presentation of the Belilios medal, by his Excellency the Governor, Lieut.-Col. Sir Matthew Nathan, R.R. R.C.M.G., on Tuesday last, to Ng So-Tai, coxswain of the steam launch Les On, in recognition of his gallant rescue of a woman and child from drowning, after their sampan had capsized in the harbour during the sudden squall of the 28th January last, in the course of his remarks his Excellency said: "Man's duty is to save life whenever found in danger." that nothing could Instinct within life ourselves, there is that which arises with "us whenever see or hear of a fellow-being, whose life i threatened with immediate extinction, which causes us to forget our own lives, and prompts us to take all kinds of haz reds and risks to ourselves-outselves being, even, f r the time f rgotten, to snatch back that life from the verge of eternal extinction. The cry of " Help, help, sets us in a flutter and we want to be there. where the "help" is needed, in order to give it in the shortest possible space of time. That is humanity. No thought ulterior to the necessary help enters our minds; no anticipation of rewards, or medals, or honours, disturbs our brains. Spantaneously we sush to the scene where our humane services are apparently most required, to render what assistance in our power, and gladly, willingly render that aid-with; when successful, a glowing sense of a man's cuty well done, and nothing more to be said about it. Into the turbulent waters lashed to fury, by the gale, into the burning. buildings whose windows are belching forth 'all-devouring flames ; down into the cimmerian darkness of the bowels of the earth; deep into the bottomless depths of the deepest and black est coal-mine we are ready to go on the humane errand, at the first sign of being wanted, This instinct is n t confined to one nationality, as we have seen within the last ten days. when three different nationals have received. the reward of their heroic acts in the line of live-saving. But even in this direction one's efforts and intentions may be all'thrown back on onese'f and oneself in ide the laughingstock of a ribald, jeering gang, headed by a drunken, irresponsible russian. And this is just what happened to Sergeant . Wilson yesterday. The Sergeant was on his beat, when suddenly his attention was attracted by cries of "save life," "save life " coming from the direction, as it appeared, of Pottinger Succi. Without losing a moment Sergeant Wilson rushed to the spot in response to the cry, eager to render all the assistance in his power in saving life. But was there any life to save? No! He was met by a drunken, grinning rascal, who continued to shout out "save life", while the usual crowd stood around and jeered. Investigation developed the fact that no accident had occurred, no crime been perpetrated, no fire been bawler was arrested and char ed with being drunk and disorderly, and the plagistrate imposed a fire of \$5. A sojourn in the stocks, or a man was no ignorant coolie; who might be Cheung Kam Ming, a shopkeeper, of. No. 203, Des Voux Koad Central, and therefore a

man who should have known be ter. LUKONG, MAIL-SKRVANT AND SUGAR DUMPLINGS.

A DISPUTE DECIDED.

A lukong, as the defendant, a maid-servant, sugar dumplings, which played the leading. part in the comedy, was the role of a case which came before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, (Shanghai Times) give the substance in this at the Police Court, on the 14th inst. for deci- issue, that the final agreement for the construcsion. The lukong, No 287, of the Central Police | tion and working of the Canton-Kowloon Station, was summoned by the maid-servant; Railway was signed at Peking on March 7th Wong Ho, of No. 55, East, Street, for assault. by Mr. Henry Keswick, noting on behalf of the Mr. H. K. Holmes appeared for the prosecution. Inspector W. Warnock conducted the case on behalf of the police.

Wong Ho, a stubby-looking girl, opened the performance. She declared she worked with a family as servant girl at East Street. At about three o'clock on the afternoon of the 11th instant the was engaged in the pleasant occupation of chopping wood on the footpath, near the door of her house. She was also conversing with another servant girl. Some distance away she saw a lukone (the defendant) standing on the same fostpath, eating opposition of the Canton gentry for a time. sugared dumplings from a bowl. (This is where the dumplings come in.) On seeing patience and tact on the part of the re-

"Would you like some dumplings, sister-inaw," he said to her, pointing to the bowl he held in his hand.

When asked why she did not like sweet cumplings, she spoke to her companion about the weather conditions. .

"Hurry up and take yourself and that wood away, you puttid leg of a sow !" she said the lukong then said to her-To avoid any trouble, the stubby young thing

continued, she gathered up her wood and proceeded to go upstairs, .The lukong, she alleged, followed her. Half-way up, she averred, the lukang seized her by the arm and slapped her twice on the face.

"Let me look for my earnings now?" she asked the lukong when he was finished with her face. "He would not," she 'proceeded "He dragged me down the staircase and to the station, tearing my jacket." At the Station the inspector refused to charge her and she returned home, told her employers of the treatment she had received at the hands of an officer of the law, and afterwards took out a encouraged. summons against him.

he Court made, things darker than foreign for breeding purposes in future. they really were, hence the decision arrived at by the Court. In cross-examination by the inspector she said that while in the chargeroom she had lost her ear-rings and showed him her torn jacket. Inspector Warnock denied that any such thing had happened and started to relate what happened in the chargeprosecution,

The defendant "was not particular" whether he made his statement in the witness box, or from where he stood, he said, when asked the question. "On the day in question," he began, he re-arrested her. Adda, her to be a fine and

two servant girls strutted out of Court, pouting Year annoyed indeed;

WANTED BY THE POLICE. CLEVER RASCAL FOOLS TOBACCO FIRM.

A very clever bit of rascality was put into practice at West Point vesterday afternoon. and although the police at No. 7 Police Station were not successful in capturing the offender they picked up a clue which led to the regovery of the stolen goods.

At about four o'clock yesterday afternoon respectable looking Chinaman, looking very busy indeed, strolled into a tobacconist shop at No. 138, Des Vœux Road West, and asked to see the manager. When that gentleman appeared he was handed a pass-book, purporting to be from a very influential firm in Bonham Strand. which had considerable dealings with the tobacconist shop. . The manager told the messenger to take a seat, a foki offered him a cup of tea, and the manager repaired behind the counter to consult the pass-book. An entry in the book read:- Supply bearer with three cases of Pirates! cigarettes on our account. he impression of a chop tollowed this entry. The manager was satisfied with the chop. "Shall we send the goods to your firm at

once?" he asked the messenger, " "No, thank you," replied the meisenger. have made arrangements to take delivery now. My coolies are outside."

The eigarettes, which were valued at \$273 were got out of the storehouse; the manager chopped the pass-book with the "Goods Supplied" chop, and the messenger, calling his coolies, had the cases removed.

. Later that afternoon the manager and bis fakis had a conversation regarding the mat the transaction. There was a "something" which appeared "fishy." In order to satisfy. himself that things were right the manager paid a visit to the firm in Bonham Strand. There he learnt to his astonishment that they had ordered no cigarettes; and prove that produced their pass-book. There was no order for cigarettes to be found in it Without waiting for another word the annoyed merchant hastened to No. 7 Police Station and unfolded his story to Inspector Collett, who deputed Sergeant Gordon to inquire into the matter. The sergeant, after making inquiries, picked up a clue. He went on board the steamer Hoi-ching and found the three cases of cigarettes ready to be shipped to Kwongchow-wan. 'The "birds" had already flown. The cases were selzed and removed to the Station to the great delight of the employees of the tobacco firm. The thieves are wanted.

> TUNG LOI LANE FIRE. NO CAUSE FOR SUSPICION.

15th inst. On the 1st instant, it will be remembered, reference was made in these columns to the varrest of several men in connection with a fine which destroyed two tenement houses in Tung toi Lane that morning. The blaze originated in house No. 4 and before the firemen could ignited, and no lives needed saving-the gettothescenethe adjoining premises-No 3rescuer was in fact fooled! The drunken were ablaze. Both buildings were de troyed, but no lives were lost as, in the previous outbreak on the 2nd February. The year fact that the fire spread so rapidly, coupled birching, might not have been amiss, as the with the rumour that the building in which the fire originated had been insured excused, but one who gave his name as \$6,000 only three days prior to the outbreak made the police suspicious, and when the fire was extinguished the master and his two accountants were detained by the West Point notice pending an investigation. The inquiry lasted many days, during which the trio managed to give a reasonable account as to the originof the fire and they were discharged yesterday. It is not stated how the blaze originated, but it is presumed the overturning of a lighted kerosene oil lamp was responsible.

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY.

- It will be seen from a telegram, of which we British and Chinese Corporation, Ltd. The preliminary contract for this line was signed March, 28th 1899, but the subsequent negotiations have delayed the signature of the supplementary contract for more than eight years. It must be a great satisfaction to Sir Matthew Nathan, the Governor of Hongkong, to have brought these negotiations to such a successful issue, as also to the local representatives of the Corporation, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The seemed to threaten the scheme, but presentatives of the corporation have won the day. There can be no doubt that a good line of railway will now be built in a short time. It will certainly pay good dividends, judging from the results of the working of the Canton-Samshui line, and will be a valuable lesson to the people of Canton, in the way that they should push on the construction of the Canton-Hankow line.

CATTLE BREEDING IN JAPAN. GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

A Government Bill relating to inspection of stud bulls is now being discussed in the House of Representative. At the proceedings of the committee on the Bill on 1st inst. in reply to Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Wada, Vice-Minister for Agricul ture and Commerce, stated that in examining animals for stud purposes the authorities intended to select bulls more than a year and a half old, exceeding four feet in height and sound in health and temper. For dairy purposes, the breeding of Ayrshire stock woul' be

Mr. Sakamoto asked whether the Govern-The young thing in putting her case before | ment intended to select Japanese cattle or

The Vice-Minister for Agriculture and Commerce stited that the Japanese were inferior to the European or American cattle in many respects. The average weight of Japanese cattle, added the Vice-Minister was 70 to 80 kwamme, while European or American cattle averaged from 100 to 125 kwamme. Japanese room, which overthrew the case for the cattle were also inferior in pulling power, which averaged four miles a day with a load of loo kwamme, against bout & miles per da with 150 kwamme done by foreign cattle. The hides of European cattle were over twice as large as those of Japanese, were stronger. "I saw complainant cutting wood on the pave- and the price was three times higher. Japan-, are taid to have made much progress. ment. 'Don't cut wood here, " he said he told ese calves varied from Y20 to Y60, against her. "'You are damaging the footpath Go Y40 to Y150 for Eutopean calves. Under the then, thinking she would go away, but he found gradually replace Japanese cattle with Euro- the combine. A special general meeting on the water. Her engine room filled in two her still there when he returned. He arrested pean, and this tendence prevailed throughout her. He then , spoke of the inspector the Empire. The Vice-Minister stated, in rerefusing to charge the girl, he maintaining that ply to a further question, that at present the effect that the company should deliver to the inspection of stud bulls was left to the local she opened fire with "awful language," and officials in the Central Government for the slock in trade of the company as the share of lowing day. Among the passengers are Cap. Capt Shotton wanted the Pleipter men to. she "sneezed in so impertinent a manner" that supervision of the inspection, in order to get the lunar Company of the capital of the new uniformity in the quality of the stud bulls. "Dismissed," announced the Court, and the The appointment of such officials would cost- conditions thought fit, and the conclusion of an the Government Y20,000 a year, At present sa hard as their teeth would allow, and looking there were about 3,464 stud built and box,000 cows in the Empire. Japan Chrenicle

GODOWN ON FIRE. CARCITY OF WATER.

The cies of our gallant fire-fighters at a blaze which broke out at West Point in the early hours of this morning were "Water, dear water!" Thrir cries were in vain. Every street hydrant in the vicinity was tapped forthe fluid, to precious at fires, but nothing happened. Even the fire engines, stationed on the may wall, some considerable distance away, seemed to refuse duty, as the pressure when it arrived at the scene resembled the spray from a watering pot The street hydrants in that locality were under pairs, so it was alleged, therefore not an l ounce of water" would they produce. The pressure from the engines was uscless... A fine predicament for the firemen. All this time | be had with the shore. The passengers and the fire wis blazing away rapidly. After a the majority of the crew subsequently prowait of about thirty-five minutes the pressure | ceeded overland to Tateyama, there to embark from the engines got stronger and work was started. The fire broke out at 3.45 o'cl.ck in he rear of 0.4. Sai On Lane, a godown stocked with matting, and owned by the Yuen | to leave Yokohama at I p.m. yesterday, instead Chai Kee firm. The flames were noticed by a of 3 o'clock as usual, with the object of seeing lukong at No. 7: Police Station, who immen if there was any chance of rendering assistance diately turned in the alarm. When the firemen reached the scene the entire building was enveloped in flames. Hoses were laid, but they had to wait, so we are informed, for over half an hour before a sufficient supply of water could be obtained. By the time water of a sufficient, pressure was available, the flames had spread to the adjoining house, and for a time threatened and mone of them appeared to be satisfied with | to demolish the block. This did not materialize, however, for, through the strenuous efforts of bered that not long ago a fire occurred on board the firemen, the flames were confined to the two buildings. At six o'clock the bluze was partly extinguished, but the debris was still smouldering long after ten o'clock to-day. The cause of the outbreak is not yet known to

The damage done is not definitely known, but approximately it is estimated at \$1,500. Th premises were insured for \$7,500, as follows \$1,000 in the Fook On Insurance Company \$3, 100 in the Chip On Company, and \$3,000 in the Hang On establishment. The godown was gutted, but the adjoining building where the flames spread received very slight injury. The police have charge of the buildings.

ARMIVAL OF H. M. S. "SPAR-TIATE!

H. M. S. Spartiate, under the command Captain Creswell J. Eyres, R. N., arrived in harbour on the 10th i st. from Portsmouth which port sheleft on the 9th January and called at Gibralta, Malta, Port Said, Suez, Perimen "route," Rombay and Singapore. On her way to the Fir East she remained at the Indian port, duing the visit of His Highness the Amit to Bombiy.

The Spartiate is a first class protected cruises having a displacement of 11,000 tons and engines working to an indicated; horse power of 18,000 giving a speed of 20.75 knots. The vessel which is a sistership to the Ambhit-it; Argonaul, and Ariadne, was laid down at Pembroke on 1st May, 1897, and launched in morning. The sea was very high, and I got October, 1898. She is in commission for about eight years now. She is built of steel sendo succeeded in reaching the steamer. She and provided with two screws and has four funnels, and two signal masts. Herdimensions forty per cent. of her hull showed above the are: length 435 feet, (over all .462 feet surface of the sea; and she had a heavy list sion eigines and Belville boilers, having a side, but I eventually got close to her starboard torpede tubes, two submerged on broadside C-14 inches. The total weight of the versel with amour is 6,975 tons and she carries a complement of 677 officers and men.

EX-DISTRICT WATCHMAN'S KKROR.

A VISIT' AND THE RESULT.

'Ng Hon, an ex-district watchman, now he calls himself a coolie, was the object of niuch interest at the Police Court, this morning, since he at one time co-operated with the policein suppressing crime - Ng was charged lives on the first floor two women. One of Dakota always keeps about three miles off the these Ng, until yesterday, called his love. He called on her yesterday morning to pay his so near is therefore regarded as very strange. respects, and particularly to borrow \$10. She The Captain and other members of the accepted the greeting, but had nothing to crew landed on Monday night. The Captain lend. Ng said he did not mind, he was is in a condition of great mental distress and cruiser Yayeyama and a torpedo-boat on Monwas not greatly in need of it, but if she had it refuses to make any statement. Great ex- day morning to the scene of the wrick to he could put it to some use, and laid himself citement prevails at the village of Shirahama, render assistance, but owing to the strong down on a bed to have a pipe or two of opium. most of the passengers being accommodat- wind and high waves prevailing on the coast Undemeath the pillow, which his head rested ed at the schools and in the houses of on, was a hand-bag, containing \$2.60. Ng the peasantry. Their presence has caused a attempt to reach the vessel. knewfrom previous experience that the house great scarcity of provisions. The price of an money was kept under the pillow, so when the egg, has jumped to 20 sen, and rice has also bag went, with him. When his love returned to are much distressed, but they are very grateful the room she was surprised to find the bed to the villagers, who are doing all that is posvacast, and after a search was more surprised to sible to make them' comfortable. The pasfind the hand-bag gone too. Finding she could sengers are now being transferred to various do nothing to save her man she thought she other places. would do a good cry-and succeeded. Unfortunately for the ex-D. W. the handbag and its contents did not belong to his love, but to the other woman, who lodged a complaint at No. 1 Police Station and Ng was arrested. Mr. Hazdand found him guilty of larceny and sentenced him to three weeks' hard labour and

four hours' stocks. THE JAPAN-CHINA STEAMSHIF COMPANY.

PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME. The negotiations, which have been in progress for the incorporation of the Yang'ze services of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Hunan Steamsbip Company, according to the Japan Chronicle, The incorporation was proposed at the suggestion of the Government, which, as already agreement with the new company and other incidental matters should be left entirely to the Bound of Directors

THE WRECK OF THE DAKOTA THE DISASTER DESCRIBED BY PASSENGER

AND IN LOOKERS

A VISIT TO THE ILL-PATED YESSEL

From the Koba Herald of the 5th just, we reproduce the following account of the disaster to the Dukola:-

the local office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. the Agents of the Great Northern Steamship Company, issued the following statement this morning:-"We are in receipt of advice that there is little or no prospect of saving the a.s. Dakota and her cargo. The s.s. Hakuai Maru was specially despatched yesterday morning from Yokohama to the scene of disaster with a view to receive her passengers and mails, but owing to a severe gale no communication could on the Haksai Maru, which was to leave at 5 p.m. yesterday for Yokohama."

The Dakota's sister ship, the Minnesota, was

to the distressed vestel. We understand that the Dakota cost the Great Northern Steamship Company about \$3,000,000 gold, of which about \$2,000,000 gold is covered by insurances, the risk being shared by a number of offices. The Dakola, it may be noted, has throughout been a somewhat unfortunate vessel. In her first outward voyage from Scattle she had to put back owing to injuries to her propeller, and it will be rememwhile she was in Kobe Harbour.

THE MAILS.

There appears to be some confusion as to the number of mail bags which have been saved. The local office of the N.Y.K. announced this morni, g that 257 bags had been saved out of 288, but it was subsequently intimated that an error had been made, and that only 31 bags out of 288 had been recover-The Kobe postal authorities, however, state that 47 bags have reached Yokohama. A communication which we have received from Mr. Kusaka Itaro, the Superintendent of Foreign Mails, reads as follows:-

Please note that the following message, dated this morning at 2 a.m., has been received from Yokohama: Hakuai Maru came back from the scene of disaster bringing 47 bags of to the lighthouse at Nojima and to the shore, mails from Dakota, which are all wet. They are now being dried; will forward them as soon as the address is ascertained." probably means that the tags denoting the destination of bags were lost or became unintelligible and that the Yokohama office is. Irying to find out the addresses of the bags,"

It appears that none of the mail bags were emoved from the vessel. Those which have been recovered were floated into the sea and drifted ashore.

A VISIT TO THE WRECKED VESSEL. The Maintchi has received the following telegram from a correspondent whom it despatched to Shirahama:-I went out to see the Dakote in a lighter this (Tuesday) wet to the skin, but after great difficulty my presented a lamentable spectacle. Only about inche) beam 69 feet; mean draught 25 feet 3 I to one side. Her screw was high in the sky. inches the vessel has bunkers capable of hold. Great waves were beating against the vessel's ing 2,000 tons of coal. She is provided with huge frame, churning the water into foam two sets of four cylinder inverted triple expan- all around. My sendo hesitated to go alongheating surface of 47,000 square feet. She has | side and was able to climb on board with the steel deck, 2'5 to 4 inch casemates for 6 in aid of a rope which was hanging from the deck. guns (11) 6 in. Harveyed; Gun Shields (4) The condition of the interior of the vessel 41 in. Conning tower I juch. The arma- showed how great had been the haste with 4-6 in upper deck casemates. 12-12 per a 2-12 of toilet, pieces of clothing, and provisions, per bost or field, 3-3 per a 2-45 in maxims. The boats were still on the davits. Apparently She possesses 14, boats 3 steam launches, 3. there had been no time to lower them. Water was turbing in through the vessel's bow one all above water. Torpedoes 7-18 in. and and the lower put of two of the maste was submerged. As to the circumstances of the disaster, my sendo, who was on the latter part of Sunday, afternoon, a great vessel was seen approaching the coast, the people crowded down to the beach to ascertain if anything was wrong, this being the first time that such a large vessel had been seen so close in. Presently a loud crash, like the report of a cannon, was heard, and in a few minutes the vessel's decks were seen to be crowded with people, while some cries of disvillagers at once despatched to the vessel all point. The fact that the Dakota ventured women left him alone he disappeared and the become expensive. Some of the lady passengers

> HOW THE DISASTER HAPPENED. The Asaki has received the following mes-

sage from its correspondent at Shirahama:-The circumstances under which the disasterto the Dakota occurred are not yet clearly known. I gather from statements made by some of the passengers and crew, that the vessel was proceeding through a calm sea beautiful weather at about 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, when a loud crashing noise was heard, something like that caused by the explosion of a floating mine. The hull was terribly shaken, and at once developed a heavy list. For a time there was much, excitement among the passengers, but before long two of the vessel's boats and a life raft were lowered, while a number of craft of various kinds arrived from the shore. Ten first class passengers, fifty-one second class, and thirty-four from the transpacific to enter, the coastwise third class, with shout two hundred members of the crew, had been safely landed by 6 Orientals last evening took a notion that they o'clock in the evening, there being no casualreported in our columns, offered a subsidy to ties. The bow of the steamer is now deep in Shotton informed; the Chinamen that, they Thursday last of the Hunan Steamship Com- minutes. The forepart of the vessel sank so The Chinamen preferred not to work, so the pany unanimously adopted resolutions to the 'rapidly that even the two hundred and eightyeight bags of mailmatter could not be removed. crew in poit. combine now being organised all the veste's, Thirty of the bage, however, drifted, to the The regular Chinese crew of the Saveric are projecty on land and water, premises, and shore, where they were picked up on the fol- paid something like \$18 gold each; a month. be mayal officers, three German officers who I the Chinamen back to the Orient, as they have come here to study the supenese Army signed for the sound trip. They will probably system; and their wives, and Mr. Kondo | be ordered deported by the immigration officials Shidzuo, Captain Harris is on his way to the Lon the next liner to China at the expense of Philippings. Maring engineers have visited ithe Philadel.

the Dakota in a fishing versel to investigate ber condition. They found that she was in a helplass plight. According to fishermen here, the scene of the disaster is called "Onigase! (Demon's passage). In the centre of it is a sunken shoal known as Osanoyama, which is divided into two parts. The Dakota struck against the higher of these. Owlng to the pature of the place, it will be very difficult to refloat her. I am informed that the shoal is clearly marked in the charts and is very well known to pavigators. It is very difficult to understand how such a disaster could take place in broad daylight. With regard to the damage sustained by the Dakota, it is said that the triple-bottom has been broken through, the keel being heavily injured. As the principal books have been lost, no exact knowledge concerning the cargo can be obtained. It is believed that it will all be a total loss.

According to the Captain of the 7 okas Mark. a small coasting steamer plying between Tokio, and neighbouring ports, who witnessed the disaster, the Dukota arrived off Shirahama on Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock. The vessel struck a submerged rock so hard that she went half over the rock, and in consequence the bow was completely submerged. The Tokai Mars despatched a boat to the rescue, and a large number of fishing boats also put off from Shirahama to the scene of the disaster. The boats' of the Dakota were also lowered, and the passengers and crew were conveyed safely to Shirahama, niter experiencing some difficulties on account of the high waves sweeping the coast... NARRATIVE BY LADY PASSENGERS.

. Three of the passengers of the Dakota arrived in Yokohama en Monday night from Shirahams, and two of them, Mrs. Doembecher and Mrs. Forbes, have been interviewed by a representative of the Japan Berald, From their statements it appears that the vessel struck the rocks about five o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The weather was clear, with scarcely a breeze to disturb the waters. The Dakota passed the Inuboye Lightship about twelve o'clock noon, and signals were exchanged between the vessel and the lightship. Between half-past four and five o'clock many of the passengers were on deck watching the sun sinking in the western sky; it was, in fact, one of the most calm and peaceful evenings one could wish to experience at sea. About five o'clock those on board heard aggrinding sound as the Dokota passed over the rock. The passingers did not realise what had happened until the vessel came to a dead stop. The vessel listed, and at once began to settle. Signals were flown and in a short time a number of sampans were alongside the vessel. Into these, as well as to the ship's lifeboats, the passengers were transferred, the work being carried out quietly and without any mishap. Several of the passengers took their handbags, but no heavy baggage, was landed at the time. By half-past five o'clock-in broad daylight-the whole of the passengers had been taken off. Some were landed at the Nojima lighthouse and accommodated at the inp, while others went ashore and were provided for at inns and private residences at the village of Shirahama. The ladies speak in terms of praise of the assistance rendered and kindness shown them by the villagers. There were reports current among the passengers that the fishermen and villagers had commenced looting the vessel, and that some of the ship's papers were stolen-but these reports they were unable to confirm. Nothing of the kind had come under their personal observation.

REPORT BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE

TOWN MARU." The N.Y.K. liner Omi Maru, which was despatched to Shirahama to render assistance. to the Dakota, returned to Yokohama on Monday evening before eight o'clock, without being able to achieve anything important. Captain Arakawa, when interviewed by a press representative, is credited with saying that ment of the Spartiate consists of 166 in Q. which the passengers had been compelled to when the Omi Maru, which left the harbour at (4' cal) of which 2 shield on forecastle 2 in. leave. The cabins and other parts of the five o'clock in the morning, arrived off shields on poop 12 in, casemates on broadsides vessel were all littered with scattered article Kanon-zaki, a strong westerly wind sprang up, causing a heavy swell. When the steamer reached Nojima zaki at about nine o'clock very high waves were sweeping the coast, rendering it impossible for the vessel to anchor. The Dakola stranded on the submerged rock popularly known as the Oceane reef, which lies about a mile east of the lighthoose at Nojimashore at the time, informed me that when, in saki-a most dangerous spot. After repeated attempts at signalling, the Captain of the Omi managed to communicate with the lighthouse, informing them of his mission. At about noon a fishing-boat was sent off to. Omi, and provis ons, etc. were put on board. Mr. Atsumi, the assistant manager of the Yokohama branch of the N. Y. K., Mr. McWilliams, passenger agent of the G. N. S.S. Co., Mr. Tsutsumi, third officer of the tress from the women on board were heard, Omi Maru, and Dr. Moore-Graham got into Realising that a disaster had occurred, the the boat and made for the shore. In the meantime the waves increased in force, and further the available boats and lighters, and rescued assistance was rendered impossible so the by Inspector Gourlay, of No. 2 Police Station, those on board. The coast in this locality is Captain decided to put back to Yokohama, with theft. At No. 17, vai Wong Lane there very dangerous, and big vessels such as the after taking on board a portion of the mails. All the passengers were accommodated near the lighthouse. The Omi sighted the Japanese cruiser Yayeyama and a torpedo-boat at the scene of the disaster.

the Yokosuka Naval Station despatched the: the warships were compelled to abandon the

> THE RUSSIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY:

DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH MANCHURIA.

A Mukden message to the Asahi says !-The Russians have established beet-sugar factorics at Hairal and Tsitsibar in Siberia, and have set up sugar-making machinery with the: latest improvements. They are also taking. steps to raise beet crops and if the trials prove a success, the Russians intend to convert the opium fields into beet farms, and by developing the beet-sugar industry make it the principal staple of North Manchuria:

CHINESE SAIZORS STRIKE. THE CREW OF THE "PLEIADES."

A Tacoma despatch of 9th Feb. says :- After all arrangements had been made to transfer: the Chinese crew of thirty of the American steamship Pleiades, which has been withdrawn; trade, to the tramp steamship Sucuries the wanted more pay and refused to sign, Capt.

THE WRECK OF THE "ROBERT GOUKE."

BALVAGE OPERATIONS POSTPONED.

The Danish salvage steamer Protector re turned from the Paracele last Thursday aftermoon, Her second expedition to Cape Varella for the salvage of the Dock Colettig Robers Cooks proved as fruitless as the first. This was on account of the weather conditions prevailing at the Cape, rendering an approach to the wreck by the Protector a task of imminent danger to the latter. After remaining in the vicioity of the wreck for some time and seeing no chance of the weather moderating soon, the Protector has had to further postpone any attempt at salvage operations until early next month when it is expected the monsoon will be rather more favourable for the work. As is known, the Robert Cooks has long since been abandoned to the underwriters by the Hongkong and Whampon Dock Co., Ld., and the Protector's expedition is accordingly conducted on behalf of the insurance company. Although the exact amount of the consideration money to be: paid in case of success has not transpired, we believe that the salvagers are not adverse to undertaking the job on the no cure no payment

.S. "HONGKONG" REFLOATED. SAFE AT HOLHOW. . 5.

system.

French s.s: Hongkong, for which Messis. A. R. Marty & Co. are the local agents and which stranded between Mofu and Hainan Head last month, has, according to information received in the Colony on the 13th inst., been successfully re-floated and since, proceeded to Hollow. The Hongkong will be temporarily patched up where she lies, and will then be brought over to Hongkong for repairs. She is expected here on Friday morning,

FUBLIC COMPANIES.

REGISTERED IN HONGKONG.

In the annual report by the Registrar Supreme Court, it is stated that the total number of companies registered from the commencement of the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," was 501 with an aggregate capital of **\$239,470,873**,

Of the sor companies on the register 85 are defunct, 2 were not floated, 114 were wound up and 46 were in the course of, being wound up, leaving 254 on the register at the end of 1906 representing an aggregate capital of \$152,246,055;

There were 39 companies registered in 1906. the revenue from which was:-

Registration fees\$5,716.50 Filing and other fees received during the year..... 2,583.00

\$8,299.50

THE UNIONINSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fourth ordinary meeting to be held at the society's offices at noon, on Saturday, the 13th April, is as follows:-

The Board has now to lay before the shareholders a balance sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Society on the 31st December, 1906, and a statement of accounts to the same, date.

1905 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of \$30 pershare and the bonus of to /. to contributors, passed at the last annual meeting there remains a balance of \$835,29 .64 as per appexed statement.

The Board recommends that this sum be approprieted as follows:inal dividend to shareholders of

\$12 per share on 10,000 shares \$120,000,00 An addition to the Sterling Reserve Fund of £30,000 at exchange

2/3 3.16 264,827.59 To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close

the account for the year 1915 ... 450,463.05

1006 Account.—The balance of Working Account on the fist December, 1906, was

\$2,082,490.31 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$30 per share be paid to shareholders out of interest, absorbing \$372,000, and that a bonus of 20% be paid to contributors,

absorbing about \$250,000, and that the re-

mainder be carried forward.

New Issue of 2,400 Shares .- All these new shares have now, been issued. The shares in the China Traders! Insurance Company, Limited, acquired by the Society have been valued for the purpose of the balance sheet at \$90 per share and the profit accruing on this valuation has been treated as premium on the new shares issued in exchange for them. The new shares rank pari passu, with the old shares of the Society for the final dividend on 1935 account as well as for the interim dividend on 1906 account and the final dividend thus paid on these, new shares will be charged against the premium on the new shares. After allowing for this final dividend the balance of the premium on the new shares, amounts to \$1,230,688,14 which sum the Board has applied

as follows :--Transferred to Silver Reserve .. \$1,000,000,00 Transferred to Investment Fluct - *

\$1,230,688.14

DIRECTORS.

Since the last general meeting Mr. H. W. Slade has resigned his seat on leaving the & Co. has joined the Board.

In accordance with clause 26 of the articles of association Mr. G. H. Medburst and Mr. A G. Wood retire, but offer themselves for re-

AUDITORS.

Messrs, W. Hutton Potts and A. R. Lowe retire, but offer themselves for re-election. A. G. WOOD, Chairman.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1907.

DALANCE SHEET.

On the 31st December, 1906,

To capital 12,400 shares of \$250 each=\$3,100,000 upon which 5100 per share called and

Sterling (40,000= 353,703.45

To unclaimed bonus and dividend 258.549.45 hospital for treatment. He is considered To exchange fluctuation account To investment fluctuation account To working account 1901, balance Id underwriting suspense

To sundry creditors..... To bills payable To estimated liability under cash certificates e issued a io a part payment for China Traders

529,788.00 \$10,465,413.79

v Cash on current account Hongkong Cash on deposit with Banks in Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore Amount invested in mortgages,

debentures and other securities in Hongkong, Shanghai Yokohama and Singapore ... 3,016,546.86 Amount invested in London viz. Deposited in

Other' investments 277,748,14.6 £413,748.14.6 3,652,402.54

Amount invested in Melbourne, viz.; Deposited. in Other investments 9,026. 0. 0

. Amount at debit of branches and agencies 696,120,88 . Sundry debtors 227,025.89 .. Office leases 22,011 shares in the China " Traders' Insurance Company, Limited 187 \$90 per share 2,062,170.00

256,816.35

300,000,00

835,290.64

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1905. On 31st December, 1906. Exchange

\$117,621.37 By Agency commissions..... ... Head office, branches and agency charges Remuneration to directors, committees and auditors Losses and claims paid....... 2,587,849.17

Bonus of 20% paid to contributors Interim dividend of \$30 per share, Balance '.....

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1906. On 31st December, 1906. 449,759.59

By Agency commissions, Head office, branches and 386,598,63 ngency charges,..... Remuneration to directors, committees and auditors. ... 1 osses and claims naid, 1,325,773.88

Furniture written off, Balance. 2,082,490,31

Sterling Exchange taken at 2s. 3.3/16d. W. J. SAUNDERS. Secretary. CANTON DAY BY DAY.

COVERNMENT LAUNCHES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 8th March, It is reported that nearly half of the Canton Government launches are in a bad condition and are in urgent need of necessary repairs. But it is impossible to have them all repaired at one time on account of the present shortness of funds in the Government treasury, so Deputy Chung, who was instructed by the authorities to take charge of matters in connection with the repairs of Government launches, has reported to the High Authorities to that

COMMANDING OFFICER'S RESIGNATION.

Li Fuk Hing, commander-in-chief of the ramy of the Kwangtung Province, who has been in the military service for a considerable period, has now forwarded a despatch to H.E. Viceroy Chow, asking him to apply on his behalf to the Throne for permission to resign from his post, as Admiral and Commander L Chun has already been appointed to take up the position of commander-in-chief in the Kwangtung Province.

AN I XCELLENT SUGGESTION.

Mr. Ping Kwong Ying, a native of Canton. who is at present serving at the Tuchihou at Peking, has written to H.E. the Viceroy with plans and suggestions for a proposed railway station for the Canton-Hankow railway that should be erected on the outskirt of the northern gate of the city of Canton and a branch line joining it with the station at Wongsha, sn as to save time and trouble of a large number of people living inside the city... He points out that people living inside the city at present have first to go to the Wongsha Station and then to Shek Wai Tong Station to get to the Canton-Faishan Railway. H.E. the Viceroy is highly pleased with Pang's plans and suggestions and has instructed the officials of the Canton Government Railway Bureau write to the Yuet Han Railway Company about Colony, and Mr. G. Balloch of Messrs, Gilman the matter and to request, the Company to follow up the suggestions.

HELD TO RANSOM.

On the 2nd February last a gang of robbers, I the 8th instant a theft was committed at Messrs. attacked and ransacked a house of wealthy gentry | Varenne & Co.'s, Shameen, where \$2,400 in surnamed Fung in the Hok Shan District, notes were stolen. Ng Ah Su was charged killing one man and wounding several persons I with the crime and was sent to the Namhoi of the village, and subsequently carried off one | magistrate: Ng Ah, Su has pleaded that heman and a child, six years old. The other day Fung received a letter through the post office from the robbers, stating that if he is willing to pay the sum of four hundred thousand dollars to a certain house in a certain street, named, in Macao, he will be able to redeem: the kidnapped man and child:

RAILWAY ACCIDENT. On the 4th instant in Fatshan, a man tending to come to Canton, took his sent in a train, by mistake, bound for Salpam. He was greatly startled when he was told. paid up moving out of the tation.S that it, was bound for He at once jumped down from the moving car and had all the fingers of one of his hands cut 3,353,103,45 off by the carriage wheels. He was uncons-23,147,50 clous when picked up and was conveyed to a

853,290.64 | way as his fingers, To working account 1906, balance 2,082,490.31 To-day Taotal Sum Tung of the Canton to proceed thither at once to restore order. The Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his Torques for the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the Throne to permit him to resign from his the throne to permit him to resign from his throne to meeting of the Canton Charitable Institution, I trate Yang and others to proceed to this disaccount mining 41,592.18.8 207,101.20 | Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Seventy I trict to quall the clause of

two Guilds, and the obstanoiders of the Can ton-Hankow Railway Company of both Canton and liongkong, for the purpose of discussing railway affairs with a view to coming to an understanding between the different parties.

Wireless Telegraphy.

Canton, oth March The proposal of the High Authorities of Canton for the installation of wireless telegraph in the city has already been reported. It now started that the Viceroy has wired to Peking about the proposed installation.

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES.

In consideration of the report from depaty Chung that nearly half the Canton Governmen launches are in a bad condition and they ar in want of necessary repairs, and it was impossible to have them all repaired at the same time on account of the shortness of funds i the Government treasury, H. E. Chow has given authority to first of all repair those, launches which need immediate repairs, but at at estimated cost of less than 300 taels each.

OFFICIAL RESIGNATION. With reference to the despatch from the excommander-in-chief. Li Fuk Hing, asking the Viceroy Chow to request the Throne to permit him to retire, H. E. Chow has prepared a memorial to be forwarded to the Throne accord-

NEW INSPECTOR OF MINTS.

The high authority has sent a wel-yeer with party to Hongkong to receive H. E Chau Pik, Inspector of Mints, who is expected to arrive at Hongkong some time to-day.

RAILWAY FUNDS.

In compliance with the request of the officials of the Canton Government Railway Bureau, a meeting of shareholders was hel vesterday at the Canton-Hankow Railway Company's office, at which three gentlemen Lo Po Shun, Fong Shin Ting, and Li King Foon, were appointed to sign for the Company and at the same time eight others were selected as representatives to accompany the wei-ynen of the Canton Government Railway Bureau to Hongkong in connection with the change o deposits.

OPIUM RESTRICTION. It is reported that the Chinese Governmen has decided to put the sale of opium into the hands of officials in order that the sale and use of opium might be diminished in quantity year by year and totally prohibited at the end of period of ten years.

STUDENTS FOR PERING.

At the examination to select suitable can didates to be sent to Peking for a grand examination and education there, have been selected fifty-three students of the Kn. Yendegree and fourteen of the senior licentiate

degree to be sent to the capital,

RAILWAY MATERIALS. The Canton-Hankow Railway Company has received a telegram from H.E. Sheng Kung Pao. Director of the Han Yan Iron Works stating that the Works are unable to execute th Railway Company's order for railway material on account of the time limited and has accord ingly refused to execute the order.

HONAM POLICE.

Since the establishment of the Honam Police Force everything has been going on satisfactorily. There are at present three stations situated at different parts of the Island, besides the Honam Head Police Station at the Hoi Tong monastery. It has been found that the, number of stations and the numerical strength of the force is at present insufficient, so the authorities have now decided to establish as other station at Lung Mei To, where the robbers appeared to be pretty active lately. SILK WORM REARING:

Yesterday, the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner Wu and 'rovincial Judge Chu proceeded to the Silk Worm, Rearing College on the occasion of the opening of the College after the Chinese New Year vacation.

DEAR RICE RIOT. Canton, 11th March. In the district of Tungkun the rice has considerably risen in price; one picul costs five taels or more. At r p.m. on the 8th instant several thousand famine-stricken people in a body created a disturbance at the rice merchants' guild building and destroyed it. Th police arrested the leaders of the mob and brought them to a police station. The people becoming more inflamed at their leaders being 'arrested, appeared at the police station and demanded the release of their leaders. The police being unable to disperse the mob, shot two of them dead instantly and wounded about ten rioters. Consequently, as the scene of the outrage became far more serious, all the shops both inside and outside the city were closed and business was quite at a standstill. The District Magistrate sent a large number of soldiers to restore order, but in vain; the soldiers remained on duty until a late hour of the night. On the following day, the oth instant, the crowd again appeared with an increased force of rioters, atjacked the rice merchanis, and ransacked their promises carrying away everything that they could lay their hands on. The magistrate ordered all the city gates to be closed so as to prevent the people from rushing into the city and from attacking his yamen. It is reported that even now the trouble has not been settled.

ANTI-OPIUM MEETING." Yesterday a meeting was held at the Antiopium Association under the name Chun Mo Tsung Sheh in Tai Luk Po and there was a large attendance. The leading members of the association each made a speech in succession on the evil effects of opium and the people preisent were deeply touched in their feeling. Anti-opium medicine is to be distributed every day to applicants and since the establishment of this branch association many opium smokers are beginning to recover from their evil habit by using the remedy given out by this associa-

The Kwok fre Pao states that at II a.m. on had stolen only one hundred dollars.

PANYU MAGISTRATE. The newly appointed Panyu Magistrate Liu will take over the scals of offise from Magistrate Chong on the 1st day of the 2nd

moon (the 14th instant). "SAINAM" PIRACY.

Last Sunday H. E. Viceroy Chow visited the British Consulate to discuss matters in connection with the s.s. Sainam piracy case.

Yesterday morning H. R. the Vicercy proceeded to the Lieutenant Tantar General's yamen to bid farewell to Lieutenant Tartar General Chun who left Canton this morning en route for Paking.

Canton, 12th March." In regard to the riot at Tangkun district. 202,857.58 fortunate that his life has not gone the same I yesterday, the Brigadier-General of Kwangchow ordered an officer and a body of soldiers | Shao y will about the third moon, memorialize

he disturbance, it is reported, is through an understanding with the people.

The high price of rice is due as well speculation by traders, as to the prohibition of the export of this article by the authorities. Kwangsi Provinces, Yesterday, H.E. th Viceroy wired to the Governor of Kwangs requesting him to remove the probibition, of the export of rice.

It has been the intention of H.E. Viceroy Chow to build a yamen for the control inilitary and naval affairs at the eastern section of the new bund. A certain contractor named Li Chedag Kwong has now presented a plan of the proposed, building to H.E. the Viceroy and reported that the estimated cost of the. new building will be about \$140,000.

Yesterday, whilst a junk plying between Sainam and Fatshan was passing Sha Yiu, number of pirates boarded her at this place and after ransacking the junk, departed will booty to the value of seven thousand dollars. A Peking telegram states that H.E., Chu Fui has been appointed Ambassador to Eng land, vice B.R. Wang.

THE OPIUM EDICE.

Canton, 13th March. The Provincial Treasurer and Examiner W diction and to report the same to the authori- date to discuss this question, which is viewed ties. Within three months from the date of favourably by the Viceroy. save of such proclamation, those of the oplum smokers, who fail to register their names and to apply for the issue of a licence from their respective district officials, will be summarily

PREFECT OF KWANGCHOW. The present Prefect of Kwangchow, Chan long Tsang, has been trying for a long time past to resign his post and leave. Canton for Peking to take up some position, there. Now, it is reported that H.E. the Viceroy has appointed Lui Tsze Leung to take over the po-

INSPECTION TOUR. POSTPONED.

I have already reported that H.E. the Vicetoy together with Admiral and Commander-in chief Li Chun intends to proceed on a tour o inspection to the different prefectures and dis tricts, beginning from the East River districts It is now reported that at present owing to the low waters in the inland rivers, in the Weichow Prefecture, which might cause great inconvenience to the travellers, H.E. has postpones his departure on the tour until some later date

MINTING OF TWENTY-CENT PIECES. On receipt of a despatch from the British Consul General of Canton, stating that the output of twenty-cent pieces from the Canton Mint is at present too large in its circulation. which has affected the trade market considerably H.E. the Viceroy, in consultation with him, proposes to temporarily suspend the minting of twenty-cent pieces forthree months, pending the arrival of H.E. Chan Bik, Inspector of Imperial Mints, who will make other arrangements. The Viceroy is expected to give a reply to the Consul-General to this effect.

CANTON WATER WORKS.

The iron water pipes from Kiangnan Arsena are rot made exactly to the order, as sent from the Canton Water Works. The authorities of the company have written to the Arsenal asking thend to immediately, cast pipes to the exact dimensions as ordered, and to send them on to

ANOTHER BIRTHDAY.

The 16th instant is the anniversary of the birthday of Madam Chow, wife of H.E. Viceroy Chow. His Excellency's second son, Chow Hok Ming, is coming to Canton, on a visit to his parents in honour of the occasion, and is expected to arrive here in a few days' time. Chinese gunboat Sum Hang has been sent to

Hongkong to receive him. CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY. A Peking telegram states that the Central Government is intending to send H.E. Yang Sze Ki to Canton to investigate into and settle the railway question in connection with the building of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

HONGKONG NATIVE NEWSPAPERS. The native newspapers published in Honge kong have been prohibited from being imported into Canton for some time past, by order of ex-Viceroy Shum. Now the Hongkong native press have presented a petition to the present Viceroy stating that they will follow and abide by the press regulations, as stipulated, regarding the publishing of newspapers in Canton, and praying H.E. to remove the prohibition. " It is reported that H.E. appears to be favourable in his consideration for the petitioners. AN OFFICIAL RESIDENCE.

The yamen of the Senior Lieutenant Tartar General is rather old, and is in a dilapidated condition, so the new Senior Lieutenant Tartar General, Li Kwok Kit, has not taken up his residence in this yamen, since his arrival at this port. Now that repairs have been effected, he will remove into his yamen to-morrow. CUSTONS CHANGES.

Many changes have been effected in the Canton Customs Staff lately, both in-door and out-door. In the in-door staff, Mr. F. Mayers, Acting Commissioner, has departed on leave. Mr. J. Steinberg has been transferred to Peking, and left yesterday afternoon, and Mr. R. M. J. Delastre to Mengtsz. Three newcomers, in the persons of Mesors, Welphert. Destelan and Adderley, have arrived here from Shanghai, Pakhoi and Nanking, respectively. In the out-door staff Mr. C. Clarkson, boat officer, has been transferred to Tientsin and Mr. F. Benson, tidesurveyor, to Samshui.

> THE RICE RIOT AT TUNG-KUN. Canton, 14th March,

The dear rice riot in the Tungkun district, which was created on the 8th instant, by the famine-stricken people of the district, was of a rather serious nature. Business was quite at a standstill, shops, and even street gates were all closed and no one dared to venture out of doors, so the city all of a sudden appeared as quiet as if it was a city of the dead. This scene did not pass away until the arrival of a reinforcement of a large body of troops from Canton, under the command of Colonal Wu, and some other officers, on the 10th and 11th instant, when order was restored and business. resumed as usual. It is now reported that the leaders of the outrage have been arrested. H.E. the Viceroy has now given authority to purchase 60,000 cattles of rice, and has sent Weiguen Shum Chi Kin to take the rice to the Tungkun district and sell it to the unfortunate people there at the lowest price in order to relieve their hardships.

AN OFFICIAL'S DESIRE. It is learnt from Peking that H.E. Tank cond on a tour through foreign countries. Since

Central Government to proceed from Pekins inability of the District Magistrate to come to to Capton to settle railway affairs here, the Canton people's endeavours to induce H.E. l'ang to come to Canton to manage the affairs of the Canton-Hankow, Railway, Company, mus be considered as having failed. KOWLOOM CANTON RAILWAY—IMPORTANT

Acting upon advice from the Ministry of Posts and Communications at Peking, through the representations of the British syndicate the construction of the Canton-Kowloon Rai way, H.E. Viceroy Chow has ordered Taots Lai Kwok Lem and Tabtai Web Ho to proceed to Hongkong and other places, to dispose shares in the concern. Now these two gentlemen have wired to H.E. the Viceroy, stating the owing to the limited time of two months and th absence of a prospectus of the company, they find it very difficult to induce the merchants to support the scheme. In the same telegram they suggested that it might be feasible to invest some of the surplus capital of the Cauton-Hankow Railway Company (which is at present deposited in different banks at low rates of interest and to no advantage the Canton Kowloon railway scheme, which might bring in a better income from the capital. They also pointed out that company is in the hands of an English and the Provincial Judge Chu have drawn up firm and the construction of this line will a code of regulations regarding the prohibition | not be unnecessarily delayed as in the case of opium-smoking and the ising of licences to of the Canton-Hankow line, so its completion opium smokers, and have presented these to may be looked forward to in a short space of H.E. the Viceroy for approval. Now H.E. bas | time, and consequently a quick return for the forwarded these to the different local magis- money invested may be expected. Hel trates and officials throughout the province. The Vicercy has written to the Board of Direc-The local officials are requested to ascertain | tors of the Yuet-Han Rallway Company rethe number of opium smokers under their juris. | questing them to call a meeting at an early

BARRACKS AT INTONG. It has for some time been the intention. the Authorities at Canton to build barracks at intong and to have all the newly-enlisted troops accommodated at these barracks. survey of the site for the proposed buildings having been made, the officials of the Sha Hou Chu have now forwarded a report to H the Viceroy with an estimated cost of the erection of the building, for his consideration and approval.

DESTRUCTION, OF SALT BEDS.

The Government salt beds in the prefecture of Kaochow and the surrounding districts were seriously damaged by the floods last year. . The Salt Commissioner has now sent a deputy with orders to inspect the salt fields in the above blaces and to have them repaired at an early date, so as to have them in working order for this year.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A short time ago, H.E. the Viceroy seeing that the weights and scales of this province are quite different from those of the other provinces of the Empire, deputed Likin Wejyuan Lo to proceed to Shanghai to make investigation in the matter, with a view to introducing reforms in the weights and scales of the province. Yesterday, Weiyuan Lo arrived here from Shanghai and reported himself at the Viceroy's vamen. He will soon prepare a report of his investigations and present it to the Viceroy.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

Capton, 15th March, In accordance with the despatch from the Viceroy advising the Canton-Hankow Railway Company to call a meeting for the purpose discussing the idea of investing surplus capital of the Company in the British syndicate as shares for the construction of the Canton-Kowloon railway as reported yesterday the Company has now arranged an extraordinary meeting for the 20th day of this moon, to discuss

the question.

PRUPOSED GOLD CURRENCY. A Peking telegram states that the President of the Tuchipu has decided, to mint and issue gold coins for circulation throughout. Empire and has submitted the question for

discussion at the capital.

INSPECTOR OF MINTS ARRIVES. Yesterday H.E. Chan Bik, Inspector Imperial Mints, arrived here about noon on board the Chinese gunboat Sum Hove which was despatched to meet him at Hongkong, The Magistrate of Namhoi and the Brigadier-General of Kwangchow proceeded to Whampoa in the early part of the day to meet the Sum Hong. On arrival at the Tien. Trze wharf. H.E., the Viceroy, the Provincial Treasurer and Examiner and the Provincial Judge were there to meet the distinguished official. H is now taking up his temporary residence at Wong Wah Kwan, inside the City.

FAMINE PROSPECTS.

The rice produced in the Kwangtong province is far from being sufficient for the inhabitants, of this province and rice is required from other places such as Siam, Annam, Wuhu. Kwangsi, etc., at present rice is exceedingly high in price and the outrage in the Tung Kun District should be noted as the the native authorities are devising means mine-stricken and are, preparing to buy a Government funds, and will sell it to the people has given instructions to the two district Magistrates of Namhoi and Panyu to buy rico in the same way at was done a few years ago and at the same time to request the different charitable institutions to solicit subscriptions

towards the fund for purchasing rice. WARNING TO COOLIES. Yesterday, a placard posted at Sap Pat Po under the heading." To wake up Brethren" intracted a large number of passers-by. It was a copy, made out by some tunknown person, of the despatch from Sir Chun Tung Liang Ching! Chinese ambassadorat Washington, U.S.A., to a certain ministry at Peking requesting the members to take steps to stop emigrants from going to Panama to works on the canal. The

despatch consists of several hundred characters. BHANGHAI-NINGPO RAILWAY DEBENTURES. at Lico each. British and Chinese buyers will be treated alike.

of the Yangtere rising is appropriate in the belief of the China Navigation for whom Mesere, Butterfield and Swife are agents. Two, of their coasting stellmers, the Chinkinne and Hupen, arrived this morning from Shaughai and are loading beancakes and steamer also came in ou Sunday drawing a conpears to have taken permanent rise and it granted sum of Tallian and the second sum of the second second sum of the second secon

TRE CASE OF PRINCE, MAN TOVO IS

The N. C. D. News of 1th inst apports !in extraordinary case, in which the protigin late are Prince Min Yong'ik wild a Kolean Colonel hat been the subject of proceedings at the lapandro Consulate lately. Prince Min left his native land about twenty years art, and has lived in Shanghai for the past thirteen years. We are informed that early last year Colonel Hyen Hung talk drived in Shanghai with an Imperial letter authorizing him to couler With the Prince regarding a quantity of gipseny said to have been delivered to him some seventeen. yearsago. This ginseng, according to the Prince's declaration, was a present made to him by the Empless of Kores, Whether the Colonel was satisfied or not with the explanation giving the matter was allowed to drop until the second day of the twelfth moon (squary 15) when the Prince received a summons to attend at the Japanese Consulate. The claim filed against him was for about Tla. 50,000. The Prince did not appear in Court, and in his absence judgment was given against him. Then at the suggestio of his friends he sought legal advice, and Mr D'Auxion, who took up the case, lodged an appeal against the Japanese Consul's decision, which has not yet been heard. in the meantime, on the eight of the twelfth moon (lanuary 21) execution was levied on Prince Min's property at his house in Peking Road, and all his furnitute, personal effects and clothing were seized by order of the Consulate. Prince Min has since received a letter dated January 21, from the Minister of the Household at Seoul, which reads as follows: Communication to His Excellency Min

Yung-ik from the Minister of the Household Department, by Imperial Order: I have to inform you by Imperial Order that the action of Colonel Hyen Mung-taik, who proceeded to your port with an Imperial letter. and took legal proceedings against you has caused much astonishment. This document was simply a message to you and there was ho question of making a claim aginst you. Moreover, on the fourth moon of the current year the above document was recalled by Imperial Order, but this has not been done. On the contrary, the Colonel's action in trying to prove a case against you with this document constitutes a breach of respect in regard to the Imperial order. "I have consequently received imperial instructions to inform you that the document in question must not be recognized and can have no effect against

document in case a trouble. Our representative saw Prince Min yesterday afternoon, and he confirmed these statements, which, he said, would be borne out by documentary evidence. Ho, also learnt from his lawyer that the Municipal Council has protested against the seizure of his goods, which was carried out without reference to them and without the as istance of their officials.

you. You are hereby also authorised to use this

THE SHANGHAI GENERAL HOSPITAL.

References to the growth of Shanghai have ceased to possess the element of novelty and by common consent are classed with the weather in the category of topics for destitute, conversationalisis. This does not imply, however, that the full effect of the backneyed statement in its relation to our every day existence meets with general appreciation, We pride outselves on the progress of the Settlement, but at the same time we like to dwell on the past and to point, out lingering indications of the days when the size of the community made for simp'icity of administration as well as for social intimacy. By all means let this aspect of life in Shanghai, which has constituted from its early days one of its chief charms, be retained as long as possible, provided it does not militate against efficient administration. It is an exiom that in the growth of every community a time comes when a break has to be made with the modest arrangements that were suitable enough for small beginnings, but prove wholly inadequate to a community of 12,000 foreigners and nearly half a million Chinese. But it is ever matter of difficulty to those who have grown up with that community to decide when the psychological moment has arrived which marks the dividing line between a small and a big community. This dilemma is an ancient one and received its historic application at the hands of the Greek sophist who worried his contemporaries by asking them to determine how many grains went to a heap. The problem is still unsolved, and it must also remain entirely a matter of opinion when a community may be considered to have outgrown the institutions of its you(h, To-day in Shanghai we differ from most towns of similar broportions in retaining (we important public institutions that have expanded from time to time with the growth of the Settlement, but have not yet discarded their amateur or quasiamateur composition of early days. Of its Volunteer Fire Brigade : hanghai has every reason to be inordinately proud, but it may well forerunner of the prospect of famine. Now be a matter for debate in justice to the public-I spirited members themselves, whether such to prevent the people from being fa- an important, Municipal Department, can remain indefinitely on its present, basis, large quantity of rice from various places, with The other institution is the General Hospital. and its work needs no qualification to justify 'at the lowest price in case, of famine, By continual attention on the part of the comorder of the Viceroy, the Provincial Treasurer munity to ensure that it shall be in a position to fulfit all that is required of it.

Criticism of a general pature has recently been passed on the Hospital and as the subject may come up for discussion at the approaching meeting of Ratepayers it is advisable to recall bei fly to public knowledge the bistory of the institution. The hospital dates from 1863 and has undergone many vicisalindes in the forty-three years of its existence. The original scheme provided for the formation of a company, and all shares of its, loo each were actually taken. Financial success did not attend the working of the Hospital, and in 1868 it was thought advisable to modify its constitution. The Trustees invited shareholders to capcel their scrip and to vest the property "In a permanent Board of ex-officio elective Trusces. This proposal was brought forward at a megt ing of shareholders and duly approved by them Being in receipt of a despatch from the Presid- and for the next seven years the task of inducent of the Shanghal Ningpo Railway Company, ing shareholders to surrender their scrip was H.R. the Viceroy has instructed the officials of systematically carried out by the Trustees. In the Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Com- 1875 the Hospital question had become acute merce to issue a proclamation asking the and a special meeting of Ratepayers was called public to buy the debentures issued by the in September to consider the subject.
British syndicate for the construction of the After a lengthy discussion a resolution Shanghal-Ningpo Railway. The loan was was carried instructing the Municipal Council issued at 195 for, and the debentures are to treat with the Trustees with the view of taking over the property and jounding a Municipal Hospital, and at the same time authorizing the raising of depentures to the amount of Tis. 30,000 for the purpose. These instructions, however, were not acted upon; but as result b a conference between the Trustees and the Council a meeting of shareholders was hald in December 1875 and it was agreed to liquidate the Institution, and to vest the propert the Board of Trustees, the present Board b Governors comprising these Consular fons ratepayers chosen by the Northern Muh The ratemayars of the former Municipality

Hospital is to be recarded as, a property held in trust for the whole foreign Shanghal, and that ratepayers: of the two Municipalities are damage caused by him cither intentionally or the final court of appeal in all questions, concerning its administration.

It was a happy inspiration that prompted the

secure the services of the devoted sisters of the ordinarily exercise in his own affairs. But the Order of St. Vincent de Paul to undertake the liability arising from the negligence of a management of the General Hospital. The director or directors is regarded as cancelled needs of the community were small and when an ordinary general meeting of the comthe very considerable saving effected by pany has approved of documents produced by thereon. Area 15,280 square feet or there accepting the sisters offer was, doubtless, the directors; so that the company will in this appreciated at the time. In 1875 there were case have to bear the obligation, the Articles deature of Crown Leave dated the sist day of only 24 beds in use and ten sisters proved more than sufficient for the Hospital's requirements. To-day, however, there are 129 beds in the Institutions, while the number of the sisters engaged is only 20. In the last thirty years hospital work has made great strides, and entails far more serious obligations now on those undertaking it than it did in 1875. The Sisters of Charity have for forty years been the patient and devoted ministers of this community; they have tided the hospital over its early chequered career and are now entitled to say that the work is severe enough to be entrusted to purely professional a hands. can be no doubt that this feeling is growing in the Settlement itself, that the opinion prevails that by perpetuating the present system the community is in danger of acting unfairly to itself and to the Sisterhood of St. Vincent de Paul. Hasty criticism on such subject cannot be too strongly deprecated, especially as technical considerations mus play an important part in the question. Bu as there must be a time in the history of Shang hai, when the management of the Genera Hospital must demand the undivided attention of those charged with it and entail a strenuous existence withal, it would be well to inquire whether that moment has not already, arrived. The change from the devoted ministrations of the sisters to the fully paid services of professional nurses will mean an increase in the expenditure, and this feature will have to be duly considered. In the circumstances would seem advisable to appoint a special Committee of medical experts and business men to investigate carefully the various aspects of the Hospital question. A comprehensive report by a qualified committee would reassure public opinion with regard to the community? responsibility in the matter of the General Hospital, and at the same time would enabl an estimate to be formed of the financial lin bilities to be incurred by any contemplated

FORKIGN COMPANIES IN

change in the management .- N. C. D. News.

The following appears as an editorial in th Japan Chronicle of 1st inst .:-

The judgment published in our yesterday's issue by which one of the directors of a limited liability company is fined for non-compliance with the provisions of the Commercial Code of Japan is of much interest and importance, especially in view of the number of new concerns coming into existence at the present time, many of them backed by foreign capital. Briefly the case in question arises from the action of a shareholder in a concern which although pay ing a dividend of to per cent, has failed to place any sum to reserve as required by law. Article 258 of the Commercial Code is, as already pointed out in our columns, as follows :-- " foreign company which sets up a principal office in Japan, or which makes it its principal object to do business in Japan, must, even though it formed in a foreign country, comply with the same provisions as a company formed in pan." When this was put to Mr. Reynell, against whom as representative of the Hirano 'Mineral Water Company, Limited, the charge of a violation of the Code was preferred, his reply was that "there were many foreign companies in Kobe and Yokohama which had not complied with the provisions of the Japanese law." A somewhat lame.excuse—especially as there happen to be companies (Kobushiki Kaisha) in both ports which do comply with the law -but perhaps a natural rejoinder in the circumstances. To some natures considerable satisfaction is derived by dragging other miscreants into a scrape which one has been unlucky enough, to fall into, but does not tend to improve matters in the long run. Two blacks have never yet made a white. It will be remembered that the company which has, it would appear, become the scapegoat for the sins of "foreign companies at Kobe and Yokohama " recently held an extraordinary general meeting for the purpose of correcting and altering certain of its Articles of Association, the fact having been discovered that the company had been running for a year and a half under a misapprehension

regarding the location of its head office. The result of the case just decided by the Kobe Court would seem to indicate that the company is a little unfortunate in its legal adviser, Mr. Masujima, who, in reply to a question raised by the directors as to the necessity or otherwise of placing a sum to reserve, distinctinformed them that such a course was not necessary because they were an English com- mangosteen or crystallized palm fruit, as made pany governed by their own Articles of Associa- by Siamese experts, will know just how exceltion." Very naturally the shareholders, acting [leat and tasty they are and there would ceron the opinion of their legal adviser, considered that they had complied with the law by changing the location of the company's head office from Kobe to Victoria, Hongkong; but, as one would have expected Mr. Masujima to perceive. the wording of the article above-quotedmakes it its principal object to do business in who takes the pains to visit the pine-apple. Japan "-was so framed as to render it impossible for foreign companies to escape the Japanese law by having a nominal head-office in Hongkong or elsewhere while carrying on their principal business in Japan. The legal adviser of the company should have known that Article 194 of the Commercial Code states | project. As is generally well-known, the waters that "The Company must appropriate at each distribution of profits at least one-twentieth of such profits to a reserve fund, until latter amounts to one-fourth of the capital," | way to the Bangkok markets comes from It is further added that "If shares have been issued at a higher rate than the par value, the | of the fish caught there are simply wasted and amount exceeding the par value must be added | in some cases are carted away from the beach to the reserve fund until the latter has reached by the Chinese cultivators, around the river. the above-mentioned amount." In conjunction | mouth and used as manure. Other fish, such | difficult to establish. with Article 258, this is clear enough, and it as pla thon, pla hang, etc., are salted and dried should be the duty of directors of a public com- Land, thus come to the local market. But pany, as business men, to check the statements | myriads of other, fish which do not stand of the company's legal advisor. This should be | the ordinary sun-drying process are simply done in their own interests as well as those of allowed to rot. Therefore the establishthe proprietors as a body, for Clause 7 of Ar- | ment of regular cannery, well-managed, ticle 202 of the Commercial Code, quoted in should undoubtedly prove a boon and so the judgment, states that "Promoters, part- economic benefit. It is a well-known fact that ners managing the affairs of a, commercial some fish in the tropics will not "take the company, directors, representatives of a foreign | salty during warm weather, but when partly commercial company, inspectors, or liquida- salted and hermetically scaled in they will tors are liable to a fine of from Y10 to Y1,000 | regular fresh and sweet for an indefinite time. If, in violation of the provisions of Article 194, These include the bordly barracouts, the ther omit to set aside a reserve fund, or if they | khawai and their congeners, most of which make a distribution in contravention of the 'm ke ramarkably good enting but are not often provisions of Article 195," The last named seen on the local market. Then we have the Article, it may be added, makes it illegal for a phop-talay of sea crab and myriads of the little company to distribute profits until all losses | green mussels which pounded up with pepper have been made good and the amount for the etc., go so far to make the Slamese relish reserve fund has been set aside.

clear; but the question will naturally, arise as the possibility of a great future before it and to who is really responsible and from whose when once the laitial difficulties have been pocket the fine is to come. As this action may overcome there will doubthess be what its be regarded to the light of a "test case" it may organisers predict, " lots of money in it. - F. he wall to consider this point. The director of his Steel Observers.

a company is its agent, so that he is liable to the company to indemnify it for any loss or negligently. Negligence here means, of course failure to exercise the ordinary care and diligence which is required him the circumyouthful Settlement, in the parly sixties, to stances, and which a prodent man would of Association, &c., having been agreed to by

> he position is an interesting one, for even though the fine is paid, the continuation of business without a reserve fund must be regarded as illegal. Probably, however, the difficulty will be overcome until the next annual general meeting, when a sum will be set aside for the three years. Meanwhile, perhaps, the company's legal adviser will present the amount of the fine to the shareholders.

THE SHARE MARKET NOVEL SPECULATION.

The Chunal Shonyo Shimpe, a Tokyo paper

publishestan Osaka letter to the effect that th

business companies which have cropped up late have heavily suffered from the present depression of the share market, and those who have taken up shares in the new companies are now trying their atmost to get sid of them. But the public, having now obtained a great deal of knowledge and experience of the promotion of new enterprises, would not take the bait The more efforts that are made by promoters to improve matters the more the marke goes down, and the shares of new companies of doubtful standing have fallen below the amount paid-up. Those who have purchased shares at high prices and the promoters of such bubble companies are involved in heav losses and the only course now left for them i to wind up the concerns. Not a few of these companies are destined to meet this fate. Re cently the Hinode Cement Company was wound up on condition that the promoting expenses should be borne by the promoters, and the amount of the share-money (deposits made on application for share.) should be refunded to applicants. This course has naturally quite satisfied the public. The Oriental Beer Com pany, the Otagawa Water Power Electric Motor Company of Hiroshima, the Petroleum Refining Company, the Imperial Electric Wire Company and the Horikawa Colton Printing Company, which recently issued prospectuses with unsatisfactory results, may have no alternative but dissolution in front of them. I he promoters of the Toyo Wild Silk Cocopa Company of Kyoto have decided to postpone the cal on the shares indefinitely. This action is taken as an indication of impending disso-The winding up of new companies has called into being the purchase of shares of shaky new companies. The buyers ca culate the promoting expenses, and the revenue such as interest on the paid-up amoun of the share money, and if it is found that the company will be able to pay a dividend equa to the amount paid-up, on the dissolution of the concern, these speculators purchase large numbers of the shares at below the paid-up amount They then press the promoters to wind-up the concern, and refund the paid-up amount, and nocket the difference. The shares in the Taisei Spinning Company, Y12.50 paid, are now quotes at about Y7, and the speculators declare, that when purchasing shares at that quotation they would make a profit of more than Y5 per share upon the dissolution of the company.- Japan

PRESERVES IN SIAM.

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THE CANNING OF FRUITS AND FISH.

Few foreign residents in Siam save those better class Siamese have any knowledge of the wide range of preserved fruits to be found in the country, or how really delicious many of them are. The only wonder of it is that no one ever teems to have thought of putting the crystallized fruits, jams and fellies up for export, on an extensive scale. There are enormous quantities of ginger (king) grown in Siam, yet nobody ever seems to have thought it worth while to have preserved it and sent abroad as is done in south China. Tamarinds (maa kam) abound throughout Siam, yet no body seems to have thought of preserving them and sending them home although thousands of tons of them find their way to European centres from the West Indies each year. Then we have any quantities of lychees, the little plums known as maprang, mangoes (ma muing) mangostines (mangkoot), the fruit of the sugar palm (ink tampalam), custard apples, (noi 1144) pine-apples (suparote), guayas (luk farang) and dozens of other fruits which can be canned or crystallized or made into jams and jellies. Anyone who has ever tasted mango jelly tainly be a big demand for them if once properly placed in good condition on the home markets. Singapore, Malacca and Penang make an enormous annual profit out of canned pine-apples and there is absolutely no reason why Siam should not do the same, as anyone plantations at Phrapatoom can see at a glance. The one thing lacking seems to be enterprise. But though the canning or preserving of fruit has hitherto been neglected, that of fish is, it appears, to be commenced, shortly, several farance having interested themselves in the around the mouth of the Bangplasoi' river positively teem with fish of all kinds and a large proportion of the sea fish which finds its thence. At certain seasons; thousands of tons known as nam prick. When canned they may Doubtless an appeal will be filed against the be kept an indefinite time and can then be decision of the Kobe Chiho Saibansho in the sent to all parts of the interior. As a matter case referred to, though the issue is perfectly of fact the fish canning kndustry has manifestly

Under instructions from Mesers | Johnson Stokes and Master, mortgagae's solicitors, Mi Geo. P. Lammert, auctionage, offered for sale by public auction at his sale copms. Duddel Street on the tath inst. the valuable leavehold property situate at Sing-kirwan comprising th piece or parcel of land registered in the Land Office as Shau-ki-wan Inland Lot No. 10, togather with all eractions and premises (if any) abouts. Torm 75 years, created by an in 1 1002. Crown Rent \$86.00. The hidding rose pretty briskly until \$13,200 was reached and at: that figure the lot became the proberty of the Sam Cheun firm in the state of the state of

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week Messra. R. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the eth instra—於於古今於於於於於自己也是 Another quiet week has to be recorded. Th business has been mostly of an investmen nature, and there are but lew changes to report

Banks,--Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have been negotiated at \$300 and \$305, closing with sellers at the latter rate. The Landon quotation has declined to Ltog. Nationals are the same, while strength while

Marine Insurances - Unions have advanced to \$835, and are in strong demand? Canton continue weak at \$205.

Eire Insurances .- Both the stocks under the heading have not fluctuated out (ath) the Shipping -Chipa and Manille have weaken to St8 en the dividend of St Code abare, paid on the 13th inst. Douglases are offering at \$35. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats, have changed hands at \$30, and more shares are obtainable. Indo Chinas have sellers at \$83. Shell Transports have hardened further, after sales: at-41/6, and are now wanted at 42/6. Star Ferries are steady at \$30 and \$20 for the old and new shares respectively. Shanghai have taken place at Tis. 51.

Refineries. - China Sugars have depreciated and after sales at \$118 close with a weakening

tendency. Mining.-Chinese Engineerings have ruled very strong, and have been the medium of a considerable business at Tls. 13.20, closing in l'équipped for the trade, i.e., with cargo ports demand at the former figure. Raubs have scilers at 581.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns, - Kowloon Wharfs are quiet at \$93. Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold at \$130, and have buyers at this rate. Shanghai cocks have declined to Tis. 105 at which rate shares have been sold in the North, Hongkew. Wharis have sellers at Ils. \$2322 for the old shares. The new shares are quoted Ils. 2224. Fenwicks are quiet at \$20

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Hotels are steady at \$118. Hongkong Lands can be placed at \$107. Sales have taken place of Humphreys Estates, at \$11,10 and shares are offering at \$11 20. Shanghai Lands are easier and sales have taken place at Tir. toti. Anglo French Lands are quoted at Tis, 10th. Cotton Mills.- Ewos are obtainable at Tls.

74. Hongkong Cottons, have changed hands at \$12. Laou Kung Mows bave declined to Tls. 105. Internationals have improved to Tls. | Saigon to Cebu at 29 cents.

Miscellaneous-China Providents and firmer. and after sales at \$9, have further buyers at this rate. Green Cements are easier. Sales have taken place at \$10], and shares can be got at Langkats have strengthened to Tls. paid in Shanghal to day, Sumatras have jumped to Tis. 125. Watsons have changed hands at \$121. Steam Laundrys have improve; ed to \$51 with buyers. Hopgkong Robes are

PARN MARKET.

In their report dated 8th inst., Messis Phirozsha P. Petit & Co. write:-Our last circular was dated the 22nd February,

The China New Year holidays having terminated during the interval. Chinese merchants and dealers have for the most part returned from the country and business has since resumed. It cannot be said, however. that the volume so far transacted bespeaks a general eagerness on the part of purchasers to enter into engagements. The sales that have been effected were few and far between, while prices have receded, in some instances, fifty cents to a dollar per bale on the last published quotations. The slackness of demand at this time of year is due in a great measure to the large influx of subsidiary coins into the Colony. The depreciated currency at one period of the fortnight under review was quoted at a discount of 185 per \$1,000 closing at \$871 per \$1,000. is obvious that so long as Chinese subsidiary coins are allowed to pour into the Colony. an extent far in excess of the legitimate demands of trade, so long will they operate, as an extraneous factor detrimental to the easy flow of business. It stands to reason that retain traders, with an accumulated stock of the debased currency and no ready outlet therefor. must endeavour to meet their pecuniary obligations with the coins in their possession. Being at so large a discount prices of commodities are relatively influenced, and Cotton Yarn whose ultimate destination is the small dealer is, in consequence, affected. This selions drawback to trade is one of the crying evils of the times, for which no adequate remedy

appears to have yet been devised.. . . . Clearances during the fortnight have been

far from satisfactory, for the main reason explained in the foregoing: 106 into 20 The transactions recorded in this circular have been effected on the old-time basis, viz. clearance in three months. - It cannot be suited with certainty if buyers will take delivery within the stipulated period. The transactions were partly induced by a spirit of speculation in the hope of an advance in prices in the pear future. Such an appreciation it will not be

No. 201,—A very meagre ousiness transpired in this count. Business reported in selected threads at \$1 to \$1 lower than last quotation. No. 161.-Moderate business done for the Northbrn markets.

No. 175.-Not much in favour. " Cheap prices induced some business in selected chops. Prices show a decline of \$1 to \$f per bale. No sot .- Chesp prices induced business, and good lots changed hands at last prices.

Nos. Br. and or. Out of favour."

The market closes steady. Sales: -20 bales of No 65; 25 bales of No.

White under thate March & Measte. Capens. L'Depunks, since when a quiet but steady business was done chiefly during the first. of the interval, and although receipts continue o fall away there was no appreciation, in values. Subsequently on the appearance of a large importer anxious to realize even at a con cossion of to cents to a dollar and a ball-per hale, the buyers entirely retired from; market and ceased buying and are now deal ing amongst themselves. Country buyers have nor all returned from the interior and business in consequence has not been large. The market again closes quiet and dull. Nos. os. and Br. Trifling sales No. 101. A reduction o co cents per bale, a fairly large business ha been done in this count. No. 122. - Sales have been confibed to actual requirements and ap proved superior chops at a decline of \$1 to No. 16 - small sales at or about quotations. No. 201, only superior approved spinnings have been dealt in sparingly at a reduction of \$1, to Sil per bale. Sales during the past forteigh comprise of about 25 bales of No. 6. bales of No. 88.; 2,145 bales of No. 108; bales of Novias. ; 375 bales of No. 16s; and 77 bales of No. 200; in all about 3,998 bales Arrivals per steamers Rombay Mars, Banco Kutsang and Lightnine of about 1,968 bales Shipment to Shanghai and Northern Ports about 1,000 bales. The unsold stock is es-

timated at about 60,000 bales. "Local Mill:-Sales of about 570 bales: Nos. los, vand ras, at \$83 and 583 respectively are. reported. The Mill is now working full time as usual. Japanese Yarn :- 125 bales No. 161. at \$122

and 430 bales No. 201. at from \$126 to \$136 are reported to have changed hands: Exchange :--- We quote to-day on India at. Ra 164%. London at 2/2 7/16.

PREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Lamke and Rogge report; unde dated oth inst. - Freights have considerab improved since last report on the 22nd ultim For this a continued demand from Salgon to Tugs (ordinary) have sellers at Tis. 511. Sales | this port and the North is the main cause, bu there are other inquiries too, and affer a ver long interval, partly as a natural consequence of the change in the ratio of supply to demand, time chartering has also been on the tapis.

> Saigon" to this port; -After fixtures at cents, the closing rate for medium-sized boat and 'tween decks, is 19 cents per picul. large and, non-tween deck steamers shippers do not care; at the same time there are but few of such boats open and wishing for employment in this trade...

Saigon to China Coast ports:-Charters are mentioned of small and medium-sized steamers, to Swatow at 22 cents, to Shanghai at '28' and 28 1/2 cents (wharfage by charterers), to Tientsin at 45 cents (lighterage by owners).

Saigon to Japan :- Higher grain prices at Saigon appear to interfere with further business For a previous sale for March shipment, 4,000 tons, a Japanese boat has been chartered at sen. Several Japanese boats would be read takers for / pril, and we hear of 26 cents having been accepted for a three-thousand tons carrier. April loading.

Saigon to Philippines, not much doing: Some inquiries, have, as far as is known, resulted in only one fixture, of a small boa

Saigon to Singapore and or Java:-No

As for Bangkok, it is reported that higher rates are quoted for Bangkok to this, but we have not traced any actual inquiry for Younge beyond what liners can supply. lava continues to remain in the market, but

in-view of the recent rise in rates elsewhere. quotations for trips failed to attract tonnage. Rangoon:-It would seem as if latter Japanese owners had in this direction accepted low rates again for large boats for Japan; we find such inquiry is no longer traceable locally. In its stead there are inquiries now Rangoon to Shanghal, small sizes, (about 16 shillings per ton), also Rangoon to Amoy or Foochow. Actual business has not been heard of.

The North:-The 'next fortnight ought" to see the first charters of the season done from Newchwang; nothing positive could be said as

yet concerning opening rates. Coal Freights :- Coal freights from Japan are higher. Lutest fixture in London for Moit to this is German s.s. Maria Rickmers, about 5,000 tons at \$1.30. Considerably better could ately be done here, and \$1.50 has just been paid. There is further inquiry. From South Japan coal ports to Canton there is also an unfilled demand.

Hongay to this, rates are also higher. Consumers have filled requirements by supplying their own tonnage, and no fresh charters are

on record. Monthly: - Particulars of reveral fixtures, mostly for account of local Chinese, are supplied in the appended list of settlements: s.s. Quinta is chartered for Shanghai account, s.s. Marie for outside business, and s.s. Providence to replace French s.s. Hongkong in the Haiphong trade. The latter vessel has stranded on Majoo Point, on the North-East Coast of Hainan, and is likely to be salved with the pending change of the monsoon.

Sailers :- There is now no vessel loading in port, and no charter is reported. Sail-tonnage Disengaged :- None. Departures of Sailers :- "one.

LTO-DAY'S EXCHANGE. London-Bank P.T.

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Maria Britesia has been appointed Consultio Belgium at Hongkong, and His Malesty's Exe quatur has been issued to him. PRIVILEGE leave of absence on private affairs to the neighbouring countries, has been grant ed to Lieutenant H. E. Stanger Leather. from 20d April to 30th June, 1907.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memor and Affiliated Hospitals bega to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the ! ospitals :-]. Walker Sto.

MR. W. S. Bailey has been appointed acting surveyor of boilers of steamships under 62 tons during the absence on leave of Mr. E. O Murphy, with effect from the 28th instant.

AT the sale of the racing yachls Joan and Aithore, which we announced as taking place last Monday evening as we went to press the reserve price not having been reached in either case, they were bought in.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Librar and Museum for the week ending the foll March, 1907 :- Library, non-Chinese, 358; Chi ness, 148; total, 506, Museum, non-Chinese 155; Chinese, 4,993; total, 5,148.

THE eighth ordinary general meeting of the Shanghai Ice Cold Storage and Refrigorating Company, Ld., will be held on Marchard dividend of 8 per centi has been declared fo the financial year ending November so.

1. Ilis Excellency the Covernor has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. F. Boulton, executive engi neer, to act as assistant director of public works during the absence on leave of Mr. P. N. Jones, assistant director of public works.

A NUMBER of Australian waters and some ca tle arrived from Australia last Monday. The were landed on Tuesday-morning and remove in junks to Causeway Bay and taken charge of by Messrs. G. W. and H. Gegg; of Kennedy

No bids were received by the Manila sheriff for the sale of the s.s Don Emeracio. Commercial police during the raid (\$4118) was deposited in and business men were not willing to purchase a mortgage for P4,700 with five per cent a month interest. The order for the sale; was returned to the Court.

Ir is an counced in Military orders No. that the rate of the dollar for the quarter commencing 1st April, 1907, will be 2/3" (Two Shillings and Three Pence) for all payments fixed in sterling which have to he made Hongkong and on the China Station.

A NUMBER of cargo-boat owners were fined Sa each, at the Magistracy on the 0th inst. making their boats fast to Observation Place wharf, an upauthorized mooring "place. the men knew that they were transgressing the law, and were cautioned against a repetition of their offence.

Business was not up to its usual mark briskness at the Magistracy on the 11th inst. there being a marked absence from the list the week-end "drunks and disorderlies." A few there were of varied nationalities, and fines of 52 or 53 met the ends of justice, according to the merits of the individual cases.

THE boatman, Loung Lan, master of sampan No. 3422, who was charged with stealing a Sto from the jacket pocket of Joseph P. Donaghue of the U.S. S. Raleigh, was able to raise a reasonable doubt in his own favour, and as there was absolutely no evidence against him beyond the complainant's his Worship gave him the benefit of that doubt and discharged

the nine months ending on the 31st December. last it sent 142,000 tons to India, Germany coming next with about \$2,000 tons. Mauritius third with 81,000, and Austria-Hungary following with 72,000. From all sources abroad India took in the nine months the enormous total of nearly 400,000 tons; against 228,000 tons in the corresponding period of 1005.

On Saturday we had to record a case in which a counterfeiter and utterer of counterfeit was dealt with in a very exemplary manner by the Magistrate. But it appears his was not an isolated case, as on Saturday two more counterfelters were arrested, both being coolies residing at No. 121 Third Street, who were this morning (1 th ins.) charged before Mr., F. A Hazeland, (1) with uttering counterfeit coip on board the s.s. Chuen Ving; (2) with being in possession of eight counterfeit Chinese coins. and (3) being in possession of five counterfeit Hongkong coins. Evidence was heard and the cases were remanded until to-morrow.

AT a meeting of the Asiatic Freight Bureau held in Seattle last month it was decided to. extend the present rates on flour to June 30. 1907. The rates on flour are still \$3.50 (gold) per ton to Japan and \$4 to Chinese portst These rates which are very satisfactory to shippers, but are considered too low by trans-Pacific steamship liners, were secured by competition of tramp steamships, which visited this coast in large numbers last year. After June i it is the intention of the steamship companies to increase the figures and thus obtain a fair

> RETURNS of the average amount of Bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hoogkong, during the month ended 28th Februs ary, 1907, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks. Average Specie in

Charlered Bank of India, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora National Bank of China,

Banks.

Fono Shing Fat, a bricklayer, residing at No. | ed. 2 But that is not all Bonse lime yesterday 126. Third Street had been engaged, for the alternoon's cholls, wearing a most important past week or so, in odd bricklaying jobs at the look on his conntensate succeeded to passing Government Civil Hospital, and might have the watchman at the past sector Kennedy's

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arrived from a gon tot the still an grante Having passed at a distance of the state of the Treck of the Dock the Real Comment Care Votella As seen from the Defendants Roll Cooke appeared to be laying comfortably. THE entries for the Calord Local Examina tions to be held in Inly mext closed at hoos Saturday, oth instrand the fees and entry sorms were forwarded to Oxford by the German mai yesterday. There were 1105 candidate 1110 senior, 40 junior and 49 preliminary including one girl in each section with the His Malesty the temperor of lapan on ist the

presented Marquis ito instractubili sake and a quantity of fish as a loken of the limberial appreciation of his services. The Marguis was to entertain the officials of the Pesidency General who were in Tokybiron of about the Sth instant at his villa at Olson when the mperial gifts would be partaken o AT 10 to a m. on 7th inst. Elife was discovered in one of the godown of the Killinguant Arsenal, Shanghai, situated very close to the shear less of the Dockyard. The Hippopean staff of the Dock quickly had their hote connected and pumped up from the river powerful streams of water ou to the Lumise Building which fortunately contained only emply shells.

In less than an hour the flames while well un-

der control and at 1 p.m. all danger wall over.

During the fire a small explosion peculiedfrom what cause is not known it but do one was Anarrest of twelve men and an aged woman was the sequel of a gambling raid, executed by Sergeant Lee, of No Police Station, last Thursday night, on the first fl. pr. of No. 3 Tal-Wong Street There were no exciting instances in this hald as the persons submitted to arrest quite wently. They pleaded guilty to the charge before Mr. C A. D. Melbourne, at the Colice Court, on Friday morning, when the two leading, which included the woman, were fined \$15 apiece, and the remainder \$2 each. The money soized by the

the poor box. CONSIDERABLE exc t-ment was caused by the Zafiro just after her arrival in the bay this morning, says the Manila Times of 5th inst. when Chief of Baggage Division Derr sighted through the haze beyond the breakwater what looked for all the world like a lapanese four funnel torpedo boat. Passengers and Customs officials flocked to the port side of the ship glasses were produced and for several minutes there was a round of exclamations and conlectures. Then some eagle eye discovered it was no more than the A. G. & P. Co.'s big scow mounted with four derricks used for laying the new sewer bines.

VIOLET Goldtown, a young women, residing at No. y, Wild Dell, Wanchai, projecuted her amab, Chung Yan, at the Police Court, last Friday morning, (or disobeying her lawful orders. The offence was alleged to have been committed on hursday, when complainant gave defendant to understand that if she deposited any of the house refuse down the drain-pipe again there would be trouble. The defendant thought it was a joke. She tried it again, and got arrested. Defendant denied the allegations. [1] was all a trumped-up charge, she held. Complainant owed her a month's wages, which she refused to pay. His Worship imposed a fine of 35, and when last the amab was seen the was inquiring her way to the Supreme Court.

LAU Chuen, a cook, residing in First Street, West Point, felt pretty sore this morning (teth inst) when he discovered that through trying to save five cents he had to shell out \$10 ! Lan promised lava has now clearly established its position it will never happen again. Yesterday afteras the largest exporter of sugar to India. In noon he boarded a tramcar at East Point. When the conductor called for his fare Lau showed him a ticket which he had found on the seat of the car. The conductor took a glance at the pasteboard and passed on. When the ticket inspector came around he asked for Lau's ticket, which he found, according to the number, was issued on the last trip. Lati was dragged out of the car and locked up. He was arraigned on a charge of attempting to avoid paying his fare at the Police Court. this morning. Mr. Hazeland imposed a fine of Sto.

UNDER the auspices of the Lodge Naval and Military, and the patronage of the R.W.D.G.M. and officers of the District Grand Lodge and officers of the Army Service Corps a concert was given in St. Goorge's 13 all last Thursday avening for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Staff-Sergeant Blogg, A.S.C. There was a large audience and the concert proved a complete success. There; were no less than 25 items on the programmel comprising songs recitations, instrumental music/retc. All the contributors to the programme were beartily received and altogether the concert was one o the best that has been organised in Hongkong for a considerable time. Credit is due Mr. I. Blake, secretary of arrangements, and the committee for the excellent outcome of their efforts to ensure success a subject to the subject of the subject

AN argument between the torekeeper of the liner Korea and Chan Kwok, ktallowof No. 15 D'Aguilar Street which took place in Connaught Road Central last Thursday, restilled in the arrest of the storekeeper on a charge of assault and hattery, The two men, if appeara came ashore together in the same sampan The storekeeper landed at Pottinger Street wharf and told the sampan to wait for him unti he made a purchase. The tailor refused saying that he had other business to attend to and could not spare the time ... That brought on an argument. The storekeeper tused some wery plain. language, which brought the tailor of the wharf to demand an explanation He got bis eye blackened and a broken some instead. The Amount. Reserve, storekeeper was arraigned before Mr. F. A Hazeland, at the Police Court, on Friday, in an Australia and China: \$3,308,624 \$7,300,000 swer to theicharge: Ho was fixed \$7,500,000 ALL the riff-raff of Hoogkong appear to make rendervous. " cores of times have atrangers

out the knowledge of the manager? Yesterds Total, \$19,167,627-12,365,000 (13th inst.) na little whipper snapper scatted. 8s.; 2,790 bales of No. 10s.; 40s bales of No. (A Wuchang letter states that Viceroy Chang continued in the work of plying his trade index. Stables, 12s.; 210 bales of No. 16s.; and 170 bales of Chih-tung and his subordinates have lately finitely had it not been that the sight of small metal clock in one of the grown of the property of small metal clock in one of the states of the grown of the small metal clock in one of the small metal clock in the small metal clock in the

LIEUTENANT B. H. Fleming, 4rd Middlesex Regiment, thas laken over the duties of Secretary of the China Service Riffe Association, from Lieutenant H.E. Large, 3rd Middle. sex Regiment symmetry

LEAVED! absence to the neighbouring countries on white affairs his been granted to the following officers - Lieutenant A. T. Frest B.A.H.C., from 6th, April to 3rd July; Lieut, C. Riley, R.A.M.C., from 16th April to 30th June.

A DARGE whale, about 106 feet in length, and about toa feet in girth, which was recently caught and killed off Kochi. Tosa Province. has been purchased by the Kyoda Krisha, of Kobe and is being exhibited at the entrance to the Hyogo Canal.

THE Hon. Dr. Atkinson, President of the Sanitary Board, will deliver three lectures on Infectious Diseases and Disinfection," on the three following Wednesday evenings, March 13th, 20th and 27th, at No. 9. Beaconsfield Arcade, commenc ng'o p.m. sharp.

ANGINER coolie, Lo Un, suffered the penalty of bissins on the 11th inst. for annexing a timepiece which did not form part of his own personal effects. Thinking he had more use for the watch of Mr. T. Barett, a fireman, than the owner himself had he purloined it at the cost of six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks ordered by Mr. F.A. Hazeland,

AFTER leaving Yokohama on her last voyage across the Pacific the Siberia experienced unusually severe weather, running into a storm. that caused the big liner to lay to for several hours. The sea was so high that waves drinking bout. mounted to the upper decks of the liner, and even her smokestacks were coated with the spray that was swept up from the sen. The Sibaria, after the passing of the storm, plunged ahead, however, and made better than schedule time? The run from Honolulu to San Francisco was made in a days and 13 hours.

ARCHIBALD Macdon ld, a seaman from the B. L. Hipris of Japan, came ashore to renew old acquaintances, and to "see the sights of old Hongkong "last Tuesday night. But his old acquaintances and he indulged not wisely but to well in the strong waters everywhere procurable, with the result that the only sight he saw was the inside of a cell, where he was placed to "sleep it off." On We inesday, when he was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland to answer to a charge of being drunk and in capable, he had nothing to say, though he wis suffering from the "next morning's" penitence. The Magistrate let him off with a fine of \$3.

OWNERS of private rickshas would do well to instruct their cholies to keep a more careful watch on their masters' vehicles when left unoccupied in their charge, as lately a good many complaints have been made of the mysterious disappeasance of brass fittings from the righ, for which the coolies were entirely unable to account. One of these light-fingered fraternity was caught with stolen brass-fittings in his possession, and as a complaint of their loss had been made to the Police, they were soon identified and claimed, while the thief, by Mr. F. A. Hazeland's dictum, went to undergo three weeks imprisonment with hard labour after four hours' public exposure in the stocks.

THE troops of the 15th and 16th Divisions. stationed in Korea and Manchuria respective, ly which have recently been re-called, are now arriving at Ujina daily. The 15 h Division will be mustered at Narashine, near Tokyo, and the 16th. Division at Hamadera, near Caska. Lieut. Geheral Yamanaka, command. er of the 15th Division and a number of other officers and a company of troops belonging to the out teniment, arrived at Ujing 0 2 26! ult, by the Yokohama-maru, and the troops were at once sent on to Hamadera by rail The impapoit of the troops from Ujing o Hinshima by rail commenced on and inst. and will be continued to the 26th instant During this time the troops will pass through Kobe almost daily.

THE death occurred at the General Hospital, Yokohama, at three o'clock on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. of Mr. George Watt, who was in his sixty-ninth year. Mr. .. Watt, says foban Gasette, was a British subject who came to Japan nearly forty years ago, and was engaged in business as a builder. At one time he was employed by Messrs. Iardine. Matheion &. Co., and other local firms. O late years his health failed generally and he was taken to the General Hospital on the 1st March last year. He had every care but finally succumbed to complications resulting apoplexy... The sympathy of the community will be extended to his children. Two daughters are in Yokoliama and a son-in-law is associated with the Mitsu Bishirat Nagasaki,"

WHEN Will Linston made his appearance before the Magistrate last week, on a charge of being drank had disorderly, it was, apparently, When Wan Sing Min found herself in posseswas pulled off at the Magistracy on the 12th inst., her good man, no better investment for it sugwhen Sergeant Appleton placed him before gested itself to her mind, than to acquire with and thesergeant explained that the man walked | about that, and Mrs. Wan cheerfully entered balance of his mind was somewhat, off, he have a habit of asking questions which it is remanded bim in Police custody in order that he might be placed under medical observation.

STREET spatching still appears to be in vogue in the Colony, but it is very seldom that an Indian soldier is the victim of the snatcher. However that may be, yesterday (1 sth inst.), in | em grants without a license. Her answer was Queen's Road Central, an Indian soldier stop. ped and purchased some sticks of the succu- two mouths imprisonment, fent sugar cane, and proceeded to enjoy one of a Sto note, and seeing that his attention was was perforce remanded until V onday next,

MESSES Inrdine, Matheson, & Con Teneral agents of the Shanghal and Hongkow Whar Company, inform us that it has been decided to pay a dividend of Tis. to per share, place Tis. 100,000 to repairs account, Tis. 75,000 to equalization fund. and carry forward Tis.

THE Governor-in-Council has approved the absolute assignment by the Hongkong High Level Tramways Company, Limited (in li-(being Tramway No. 6 described in the said Ordinance) to the Peak Tramways Company

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. H. Kemp to act as Registrar of the Supreme Court, Registrar of Companies, Official Administrator and Official Truster, during the absence on leave of Mr Arathoon Seth, I.S.O., or until further netice, with effect from 14th instant,

NEWS was received in New York last month that Lloyds' agency has added to its many odd insurances one on the life of Parry Thuw, who is being tried for the murder of Stanford White in New York. Lloyds, according to the dispatch, agree to pay a total loss if the prisoner is executed. The amount underwritten is not

GERMAN sailor, named E. Traubert, got shore leave last Monday night and came athore to enloy himself. Unfortunately he began at the wrong end, for he got drunk first, and so had the misfortune of spending the best hours of his leave in a police cell, subsequently paying \$5

REAR-ADMIRAL Willard H. Brownson with the Pacific fieet left Mapila Bay at an ear hour on the 5th inst. The fleet goes to Wons ng and Admiral Brownson will go up the Yangtsze river on the Wilmington. Returning from his trip be will go to Yokohama where he will take a liner for home. Admiral Dayton will succeed to the command of the fleet.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. total output of the company's three mines for the week ending February 25, 190, amounted to 1,193.75 tons and the s les during the same period of 1,478.50 tors. The total output of the Company's mines for the financial year ending February, 28, 1907, amounted to 1,000,210 tons compared with 833,676 tons for previous year.

WE are informed by Messrs, Shewan, Tomes & Co., the general managers in Hongkong for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, that they received on the rett inst, a telegram from the head office of the company giving the following puticulars which show the strong position of the society at the end of 1906. Theasseis amounted to £90 5 17,994; the surplus amounted to £14, 16,7:6, while the paid new business realised £17,364,151.

OWNERS of cannine nets should be warned the action of Sergeant Sim at the Magistracy this morning (12th inst.), if they don't want any unnecessary trouble and expense through keeping such petsi" They must remember that such luxuries as dog- are taxed, and it behaves them to pay up and secure a licence if they would not find themselves in the plight of the nine Chinese the Sergeant placed before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy this morning, on charges of keeping dogs without licences, They were let off with the fine of \$1 in each case and strongly advised not to luse any time in securing licences, to prove their titles to their buxmies.

THE case was continued and further evidence taken at 'tl e Police Court, last Wednesday, in which Charles Humphrey Kane, shipping cler! and Ho Kwai, tallyman, in the employ of the British-American ic bacco Company, are being charged with the lacceny of tobacco and cigarettes, valued at \$2,635 the property of the company, and a shopkerper named Li Ta Chiu, and his assistant, Li Cheung, with receiving the goods, knowing them to have been stolen Mr. M. J. D. Stephens again app ared for the prosecution on all charges. Mr. H. I Gardiner, of Mr. O. D. homeon's office, app ared for the first defendant. Mr. G. K. Hall Biutton appeared on behalf of the second defendant. Mr. Moreson, the manager of the complainant firm, was put into the witness stand and was the subject of a very severe cross-examination by Mr. Brutton, who insisted that his questions be answered by the witness, who was very backward in coming forth with the replies. The case was further remanded.

THAT boarding-houses for Chinese emigrants are profitable would be evidenced by the numout, without the proprietors having first gone through the formality of saying " with your leave" to the power that be, and securing that very necessary document yclept a licence. not altogether convenient to answer, so that a little catechising from Detective Sergeant Grant resulted in the unlicensed landlady's making not satisfactory, and his Worship said Stoo or

NOTWITHSTANDING the almost daily charges of a little love of adventure, and in part, ton, any more revolting plattire of helf itself reminer pedestrians, on business intent

THREE mote carrobosimen had to make their appearance at the Magistracy, on the rath insticharged with injuring the reclaimed wall a the and of Arsanal Street, by poking theif boat-hooks, and spikes into the mortar, thus loosening the bricks and causing them to fall out. The man were fined St each, and cautioned. The prosecution was instituted at the instance of the Public Works Department,

"LIGHTEN our darkness" will no doubt be funk No. 8474, and some of his conferrer who. were on the 9th iost, ordered by their Worships, at the Magistracy, to pry fines of Streach for endeavouring to prectice illegal economy, and be about the harbour between sunset and sunrise without any lights on their floating habitstions, which is not only a breach of the harbour regulations, but a danger to navigation.

AT the Magistracy, on the oth inst, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Mr J. Gray Scott, manager of the Tramway Co., prosecuted a coolie, named Che Sze, in the employ of the Company, for the theft of two brass hushes, valued at \$7 the property of the company. The accused, who had no business there, went into a shed was removing the property when he was caught. He had to plead guilty-he was too tired to argue, and his Worship murmured "three week's hard labour and four hours!

CHUNG Sing Tsun, a lad, fifteen years old, was formerly employed at the Causeway Bay Cotton Mills. He isn't now, When he could boast of being in employment he became so interest-I to the Colonial exchequer, as penulty for his ed in learning how to become a majoo-his only object in life-and paid so little attention to the work of his employers that he had to be the more surprising when Han Ng, washerfired. But Chung would not take the sack and man, of No. 11 | Min Street was called that is the cause of the whole, racket. He remained on the premises for days and when his presence was discovered by a watchman yesterday (13th inst.) he was put out. Chung returned again that night; and this morning nine glass windows were found bro'en. No one could have done it but Chung and so he was arrested. He was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland with doing malicious damage to private property and with being found on the premises of the Cetton Mills without the permission of the manager-Mr A. Shaw. There was no evidence to prove that Chung was guilty of the first charge and that was thrown out. On the second court he was fined \$7. which was paid by a friend!

> ALTHOUGH he had no time to sample the contents of the case he looted from the s.s. Haimun yesterday (10 hinst.) Ho Yuk; a miner. living at No. 1)2, Queen's Road Central, is, no doubt, a sadder, if not a wiser, man to-day. Beby a case -not of silk or jewellery; not of water. | now. gauge clothing, or other valuable merchandige and immediately priceeded to remove it. was a strange taste-or would have been any one but a miner, and it led him into trouble. His carrying operations were observed ed, and as a result Mr. S. II. Wood, Second Officer of the said steamer, prosecuted Ho this morning before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, on a charge of stealing a case of castor oil, valued at \$15, the property of Mesers. Douglas, Lapraik & Co. The charge was proved, the cu prit had no defence, nor could be substantiate an attempted allbiaso there was nothing for his Worship to do but ust send him in for two weeks, hard labour, after four hours' exposure in the stocks.

AMONG the passengers on the Team this morn-H. L. Han, of Shanghai, and C. C. how, of operation some time in October. They will | fined them \$10 each. temain in the city for two weeks or more, The visit of two such prominent Chinese and they be satisfied with what they receive funds of the Hospitals:--doubtless the way will be lopened up for a large business in China by Manila houses dealing in machinery with the possibility of ber of them, and also of the number opened | making Manila the distributing centre for American goods in the Orient.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to express his surprise at the difference between the way the pa hways are kept free of crowds from Ice only a preliminary, canter, and the first heat | sion of a little ready capital on the demise of | House Street to the Clock Tower, and thence on West. Taking a walk last evening he noticed that in the first named locality the Mr. F. A. Hazeland in order that he might, if | it all the right, title, interest, property claim | gaping crowds were ordered to "move on", he could give a satisfactory account of hir self. and demand in an emigrants' boarding house, and had to do so, so that pedestrians who had The charge against him was one of vagrancy, | Having the "ready" there was no difficulty | ligitimate business calling them along the route were unable to walk without being into the Police Station and gave himself up as | into possession of her " promised land," neg- | jostled at every step, by some looker, lounging a vagrant, and one without visible means of lecting, however, to provide herself with the aimlessly along, with folded arms, and the subsistence. His Worship had heard a thing or | necessary permit. But, unfortunately for her, | knowledge imprinted on his countenance two about the man, and thinking that the detective's eyes are everywhere, and they also that he had the day before him and the path was as much his as anyone cise's, " hat is alright and proper," goes on our correspondent, "but see how the conditions change when nearing the Central Market. 11 her appearance before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at | one stops to look in a shop-window to see if the the Magistracy on the t th inst., to answer to the articles there displayed include those one charge of keeping a boarding house for Chinese | wishes to purchase, immediately a number of filthy loading coolies, will stop too, close up to one's elbow to stare vacantly into the same window, though they know not whereat they stare. "Lately, too," continues he, "some of the them. At the time he was holding in his hand | HERE is a harrowing paragraph from a letter | shops have installed small gramophones and by Mr. W. R. Hall Caine on the Kingston musical boxes, with the object of calling more given to the ! ment " than to the money, carthquake in the Dally Telegraph !- That is attention to their wares displayed in the a peripatetic Turk, named Stephen Michel, as it sorrow from its individual point of view; what | windows; but they do not attract the desiris alleged, stepped up and relieved the Indian of its accumulated horror? One night I had able class, purchasing class; they only cause of the \$10 note. The Turk was arrested occasion to go over to Admiral Davis on the the collection of crowds of the most undesirand this morning placed before Mr. riszeland, American worship Mesouri. Sir Alfred Jones | able men without means, and so respectable but some difficulty arising over the interpre- readily gave me leave to take a ship's boat, | pedestrians have to step off the path into the talibn question-the universal language not and four of the crew, under the command of road to pass them, if they desire to avoid a having yet been adopted anivorsally—the case one of the younger officers, at once volunteered | hustling and jostling from the albows of the to row me over-partly out of the sailor's lounging saunterers. There appears to be no disposition to do a kindly thing, partly, too, out supervision, and the crowds there are not "noved on." in conclusion, our correspondent against and fines imposed upon the masters of out of a desire to chum up with the roaring mentions that last night he got out of his passenger launches plying in and around the sea-dogs of a warship. The sky was a brilliant ricksha to enter a tailor's shop, and stopped for parbour, the trade, goes merrily on, and the constellation of glorious lights, the waters over a moment to look in at the window before domasters are quite dontent to risk the lives of | which we passed, dark and awesome, rendered | ing so, when immediately the usual inquisitive incumerable passengers as well as their own, .all the more forbidding by the flotsam and jetsam | crowd gathered to gaze too. Suddenly he felt for the sake of the few extra five-cent pieces | floating listlessly on its surface from a ruined a tug at; his watch-chain, a solid gold one, that will drop into their collecting tins. One city. . Peace and beauty overhead, danger and luckily, securely fastened, and as he of these money-grabbing launch-masters, in beneath; but there, standing out against the at once made a grab in the direction of the charge of the Hung, On, was placed before background of the eternal hills, that most turging hand, he received a blow in the side of Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy on bideous of all pictures my mind will ever con- the face that sent him staggering, his assailant the 12th inst., charged at the instance of L. S. | jure up-Dead men's fires, Figures, muffed disappearing in the crowd which was, no doubt, George Jackson, with carrying eighteen pas- up all about the mouth and nose, as a protect quite willing to protect him. He saved his seogen over and above the number his licence tion against the nauscating gases, moved in the watch but he had no semedy against his unantitled him to do. Of course he had no der deep red glow, throwing into the languishing known assailant. The pedestrian traffic along fence-he had to admit his fault, and the im. flames fresh fuel of oil and coal and timber, the route has always appeared to us to be unposition of a fine foll wed-he was ordered to: and then still more human remains eager for | necessarily congested, Perhaps if the cry of dig up \$15, by way of showing him where his destruction. The sickening odour is unfor et. " move on," in all possible distants, were more till-gollen extra profits would go, and he was table; it will not leave my clothes, nor can any frequently heard it might improve matters, and warned that he must not do this sort of thing; hideous nightmans seven to the mental vision; reader, thou a distant pleasanter for foreign

A FATAL, accident occurred on the German mail steamer Prinsess Alice on February 25 b when the arrived at Yokohama. Just as the reached the pier, says the Jopan Mail, a sailor on the ship accidentally fell from the dock into a sampan which was lying near the pier and sustained ta'al injuries on the head. He was at once removed to the German Hospital, but the survical treatment was of no avail. The funeral took place at 10 a m. on February 28th most feelingly echned by Leung Yau, master of his comtades from the ship and steamer's band He was 29 years old and unmarried .- Nagatakl Press.

> MR. Arathoon Seth, I s.O., Registrar of the Supreme Court, left on an eight months' holiday to England on the rigth linit. For some time past Mr. Seth has been suffering from influence and has been ordered by his medical adviser to leave Honglong during the summer reason in order that he may recuperate in the bracing c imate of the old country. In England Mr. Seth will be joined by Mrs, and the Misses Seth who are already at home and we trust that he will have an enjoyable time and recover sufficiently to return at the end of his furlough rejuvenated in every respect. During his absence the duties of the Registrar will be performed by Mr. I. H. Kemp.

WHEN one comes to think of the matter the majority of foreigners especially bachelors in the Colony, are remarkably trusting in the way they send out, week after week, bundles. of clothes in charge of a washerman whose address and name are quite unknown to ninetenths of the clothes-owners. Notwithstanding this, however, it is but saldom that one of the fraternity, gets into trouble. It was therefore upon to face the Magistrate at the Police Court, on the lath inst., to answer to a charge of stealing a jacket belonging to Mr. Jenkins, of the Diocesan Boys' School, which article was valued at \$1. The case was remanded.

A CHINAMAN, who was being searched by excise officers for illicitopium after the late boat arrived from Canton this morning (14th inst.), was found to be in possession of a bundle of letters, which he was attempting to smuggle into the Colony and deliver to the addressees. Police Sergeant Willis, who saw the "discovery" took charge of the unauthorized postman and a journey to the Central Station followed. Here the man gave his name as Lo Yin, a trader, residing at Wing Lok Street. He admitted that the letters did not pass through the hands of our "up-to-date" Post Office. He made no attempt to alter his plea at the Police Court, this morning, where he was arraigned before Mr. He zeland, and a fine of \$100 was passed. ingon board the above vessel his eye was caught | He will not see his friends for two months

-no, he was attracted by a case of caston oil. Un Hip Man, a clerk, made things interesting last night (8th inst.) in Third Street, for which no doubt he is sorry to-day. He started out to enjoy himself and fancying he was Sims Reeves-or any other vocalist he had read of-he commenced to "sing," The residents, the visitors, the passers-by objected to his most unmusical music, but nothing could stop him until the arrival of the police, when he changed histune to a major key, ard his language, it was said, was "terrible to listen to," This, of course, could not be allowed to continue, and so he was accommodated with a cell for the night, and this morning, by order of the Magistrate, he had to dig up \$2 to ensure his liberty, and as a warning not to indulge in disorderly conduct in the public streets.

ing, reports the Manila Times of 8th inst., were- A REPRESENTATIVE of the Public Works De- Hailan, Fr. s.s., 377, L. Andersen, 16th Mar,-'partment arraigned two plumbers, who reside Tientsin, two prominent Chinose who have at No. 36; Wing Wo Street, before Mr. C. A. D. come to Manile to buy a large amount of Melbourne, at the Police Court, to-day (14th Hellas, Ger. s.s., 2,556, W. Metzenthin, 15th agricultural machinery. This is their first visit | inst.), on a charge of altering the water service to the Philippines. Mesers, Han and Chow at house No. 1;0, Queen's Road West, yesteroriginally intended buying their machinery day, without the P. W. D.'s sauction. "We through the branch of Kelly-Springfield Com- only litered the service on the ground floor," pany in Shanghai but having met Vice-President | said the two defendants. " We did not touch in Shanghai, Mr. Han decided to come here to made arrangements with the occupier of one complete the deal. It is understood that the of the flats that for a consideration—Sto it was order will be a large one. Mr. Han and Mr. | said-they would attend to the service and in Chow both spoke in glowing terms of the agri- | future they (the people occupying that particucultural opening in North China and were lar flat) would never be short of water. They confident of great success in this line. Mr. kept their word and attended to the service. Han says that the Shanghai street car system | When they called for the ! consideration " they is being rapidly completed and that it will be found an officer of the law, His Worship

THE Hop. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial their purchase of agricultural machinery here and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge is regarded as of much significance. Should with thanks the following donations to the

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Ms. D. W. Craddock -

AN Ashio dispatch states that the proprietor o the Ashio Copper Mine has granted a sum of Yo, to the workers in the Otaki pit and others, who did not join the recent riot, numbering, in all 2,374 persons. The proprietor. has also decided to increase the wages of these workers by 20 per cent.

AT the Marine Court, this morning, before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, Harbour Masat the cometery, the coffin being escorted by lor and Marine Magistrate, L. S. Winter charged J. McArthur, master of the Chinese steamer Meston, with disobeying the lawful commands of the Harbour Master by refusing to shift his vessel when ordered by prosecutor to do so, defendant being moored in an improper place. Defendant admitted that he did refuse to shift when ordered by the sergeant to do so, but afterwards he changed his mind and did shift. He produced his logbook in proof of this. He was discharged.

ACCORDING to the chief officer of the N.Y.K steamer Kumano-maru, which arrived at Kobe on the 25th ultime from Australia, the number of tourist passengers bound for Japan somewhat increased on the last voyage. On sailing from Australia the number of first-class passengers intending to visit Japan was 45, but a number of them landed at Hongkong to stay for a few weeks, arriving in Japan in April, when the cherry blossoms will be at their best The number of passengers who booked through to Kobe by the Kumano-mary, was 23, all of whom were bound for Tokyo via Kyoto, Nara,

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VESSELS IN PORT STEAMERS.

Amberton, Br. s.s., 3,527, J. Williams, 12th Mar.,-Cardiff 23rd Jan, Coals,-British Government. America Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,460, Philip H. Going, 1 th Mar. - San Francisco 13th Feb., and

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